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(letters)

Bill's Bad Scents

In late June I wrote the president a long letter regarding gays in the military, with many carbon copies. In mid-August, I finally received a reply from the White House. I won't bore your readers with a summary of the president's irrelevant and self-justificatory form letter, but I did want them to know that the White House stationery, which is pale green (!), is (I kid you not) perfumed. I must add that it's a very cheap artificial dime store perfume, of the type that produces headaches and nausea in all sensitive femmes and queens. But eventually it goes away...

Mildred Dickemann
Richmond

Forum on Battering

The San Francisco Women's Action Coalition (WAC) apologizes to Carol Cantwell, Sue Kuyper and Anne King and to all other women who felt outraged by the WAC-endorsed production of the play, *Women in the Shadows*. WAC does not condone lesbian battering.

WAC is not in a position to criticize the play; we are woefully ignorant of its contents. We realize that, in the future, we must have a thorough review process when dealing with requests for endorsements and fundraising offers that originate outside of WAC.

We do take the criticism of the play seriously and we are pleased to accept the offer proposed by the San Francisco Network for Battered Lesbians and Bisexual Women to lead a discussion about women-to-women battering. The discussion will be held at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St., San Francisco, on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 pm. All women are welcome, free of charge.

SF Women's Action Coalition

Crushing Biphobia

I have just come from seeing *Crush*, the movie by Alison MacLean.

The movie is about four people, but the two main characters are Angela, a 15-year-old lesbian who is innocent, good, beautiful, loving and open, and Lane, an evil bisexual woman.

Lane embodies every disgusting, agonizing stereotype held by some (few) lesbians about bisexual women. She is seductive, twisted, without feelings or morals, addicted, destroyer of relationships, unnatural, dangerous. And she looks it: She has pouty, heavily lipsticked lips, a lightweight frivolous nose, and ridiculously tight skirts. One can only despise her. Fortunately, she gets justly killed off in the end.

Alison MacLean has succeeded in doing to bisexual women what straight men do to lesbians in the movies. What a wonderful use of her talents.

The impact of experiencing lesbian biphobia on a wide screen was overwhelming and sickening for me as a (kind, loyal, committed, moral) bisexual woman. My own community of lesbian friends is so loving and supportive that I'd nearly forgotten the feeling of being despised for my identity.

So thanks awfully much, Alison, for reminding me, and for amplifying a stereotype that perpetuates fear and hate between women.

Beverly Mesch
San Francisco

Anti-Choice Pandering

How much do you think homophobic biases affect the news you read in the mainstream press? A recent experience brought home to me again how discreetly and powerfully that kind of prejudice can work. Tanya Wills' Aug. 23 *Examiner* article provided quite a glowing PR spin for the group of youthful anti-abortion goons harassing women at a Sunnyvale women's clinic. (Wills is the same writer who would have us believe that a pro-choice mom backpacking her infant to a women's rights march is the moral equivalent of an Operation Rescue supporter placing young children under the wheels of oncoming cars, as per her July *Examiner* article on the week of attempts to close women's clinics in San Jose.) If the *Examiner* wants to provide free public relations for anti-abortion terrorism, it's pretty obscene to offer it right after yet another murder attempt on a physician very nearly succeeded. But the sensationalizing way Wills wrenched my words out of context (after calling me for comment in my capacity as a member of the clinic defense organization BACORR) demanded a response. I had characterized the young anti-abortion fanatics Wills valorized as, in fact, more comparable to "Hitler Youth"—but I had done so in the context of relating *facts:* facts about the group's abusive actions at clinics, facts about the virulently homophobic and anti-Semitic statements and actions by OR leaders and supporters (for instance, they believe AIDS is God's way of saying he doesn't like us, and that the U.S. should follow [their] Bible and execute us; and marching on a pro-choice rabbi's synagogue was one action they were proud enough of to put on page one of Operation Rescue's *Frontlines* newsletter). I also gave Wills the facts about anti-choicers' tendencies to single out predominantly physicians of color, women and Jewish physicians for doctor-stalking campaigns like the one that ended in the murder of Dr. David Gunn. These facts Wills has consistently chosen to omit are even more telling than the saccharine, disingenuous portrayal she gave the self-styled "teens for life." But the creepiest aspect of being used in Wills' puff piece was that nowhere in it did she admit, as she admitted to me, what started it all.

The anti-choice teens had gotten her attention through ugly, sex-negative pandering to homophobia. According to Wills, they had contacted her at the *Examiner*, complaining about the open, and openly affectionate, presence of gays, lesbians and bisexuals among the BACORR folks then defending the Sunnyvale clinic's clients from harassment by the Teenage Inquisition. And, horror of horrors, according to Wills, one of these scary queers had been showing the innocent Christian teens... *how to put a condom on a banana!* That this kind of whining might indicate that the young people have a few problems with sexuality to be worked out before they take it upon themselves to tell others how to lead their lives was apparently lost on Wills. But the fact that an openly homophobic group can get radiant PR from an *Examiner* reporter on the basis of a blatantly homophobic approach wasn't lost on some of us. The queer community is just as much a part of the religious-fascism hit list as women's right to plan our own lives. We can expect more attacks, and an escalation of their violence, as Operation "Rescue's" Christian Defense Coalition and Project Joshua gather steam. I hope we'll be prepared, and offer this tale in the hope that we'll be even more wary of what we read in the mainstream press.

Angela Bocage
San Francisco

The Word of God?

I would like to suggest that the real issue in the Rev. Lumpkin affair is whether or not the Bible—particularly the Old Testament—is the "word of God," and I defy anyone to prove the existence of this entity, i.e., describe His/Her/Its physical appearance and whereabouts. While I have no doubt that some of the Bible's many human authors sincerely believed (like Hitler?) that they were "hearing" and obeying the voice of "God," I also believe that others deliberately set out to create a manual for controlling an unruly group of Middle Eastern tribes using fear of retribution and the lure of rewards to come. This to ensure their survival at that time and to increase their numbers, and hence their strength and power, by decreeing that all sexuality be expressed only through heterosexual channels—that is for procreation, with dire consequences for any nonconformists!

I have long felt that the most successful way to squelch the attacks on gay people and their rights by fundamentalist Christians and the Rev. Lumpkins of the world is to put them on the defensive rather than on the offensive by getting them where it really hurts. I mean by debunking the sole crutch on which they depend to justify their homophobia and to do all of their thinking for them, namely the Bible. (Perhaps I should more correctly say their Christian Bible since every other major religion devised by man on this planet also has its own "Bible," each claiming to be the infallible word of God.) Thomas Paine initiated this in his brilliant and suppressed treatise *The Age of Reason*—and I urge all your readers to read it—pointing out for example that Genesis states (in Chapter I, Verse 3) that day and night were created by God on the first day but that the sun, which science has since proven *is* the source of daylight—a fact obviously unknown to the human author(s) of Genesis—was not created till later, on the third day! And of course if there is one falsehood in the Bible it throws doubt on the validity of everything else in it.

I believe that science will soon also prove conclusively what gay people have known instinctively for millenia, that same-sex attraction and love is innate, God-given and biologically programmed, just as opposite-sex attraction and love is. This will further expose the Bible as spurious since it ignorantly claims that homosexuality (and so bisexuality) is a willful, perverse choice made deliberately to spurn God.

Can anyone who is reasonably intelligent and questioning really accept the Bible word for word, in 1993, with its ridiculous proscriptions such as "You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk" (Deut. 14:21), and its savage, vengeful God who delights in threatening to torture His "children" with such niceties as the plagues of Egypt, scabs and boils, the ague and itch for which there is no cure? The list is endless as you will see if you take the time to read Leviticus and Deuteronomy, for starters. As someone once wrote, "The God of vengeance and retribution never existed except in the hearts and minds of men."

I eagerly await the formation of a nationwide (worldwide?) organization to implement the banning of the Bible's anachronistic nonsense—BBAN for short!

R. Hart
San Francisco

No on 174

It is extremely important to the sexual minority community that the Voucher-Education Proposition (Prop. 174) be defeated on Nov. 2. Prop. 174 would destroy public education and the hard-won progress that has been made in public schools around the issues of sexual orientation. If Prop. 174 were to pass, kids would lose, taxpayers would lose. It is bad law. Kids would lose because 10 percent of the public education budget would be given to private schools. These private schools would be free to reject students based on religion, gender, sexual orientation, income, physical or mental capacity. They would be free to teach hate, narrow religious views, or nothing at all.

Taxpayers would lose because a huge new bureaucracy would be required to keep track of daily attendance and send monthly checks to each voucher school.

Prop. 174 is bad law. Anyone with 25 students would be eligible for voucher subsidy. No teacher credentials or degrees would be required. No basic curriculum would be required. There would be no audits of voucher schools, no public scrutiny of how the voucher money was spent. If part of the law is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts would remain in effect. To change the law would require a three-quarters vote of the state Legislature.

Vote no on Prop. 174. It is bad law. Bad for kids. Bad for taxpayers.

Robert R. Latham
Pt. Richmond

Alternative View on Handguns

I do not support the NRA, their position or program. I do support the right to self-defense for decent people living in an increasingly violent society.

This country has a police and military that are armed to the teeth and have a tendency toward aggression, brutality and selective enforcement of the law along the lines of class, race, ethnic, sex and sexual orientation. Any right-winger, whether your garden variety George Bush/Ollie North supporter, KKK or neo-Nazi, will be proud to tell you they have a basement full of guns and every other conceivable weapon. They'll also tell you they're more than prepared to use them when feeling threatened or threatening.

I had a personal experience with an ex-cop who worked in a gun shop in my neighborhood. He bragged about having a hidden storehouse of guns that he amassed when the police chief started letting "fruits" on the force.

Economic conditions are deteriorating to lows not seen since the Great Depression. The corollary is evident in the growth of a disenfranchised and armed part of the population that is poor, with no perceived option but to take via force the things that are denied through educational/economic opportunity.

I am an "independent" woman who is no longer safe in my home. I can no longer go out safely at night, nor in daylight at my neighborhood park or elsewhere without fear of assault, rape, mutilation or death. I can watch the worst-case scenario being played out daily on TV and in movies. So can young boys who emulate the behavior they see condoned. Young girls also watch. They are learning the lessons of fear early, knowing they'll bear the stigma of fault if they dare to live independently and become victims of random or "friendly" violence.

Further, I am a Jew who had family wiped out in Germany and Eastern Europe, when the elected and

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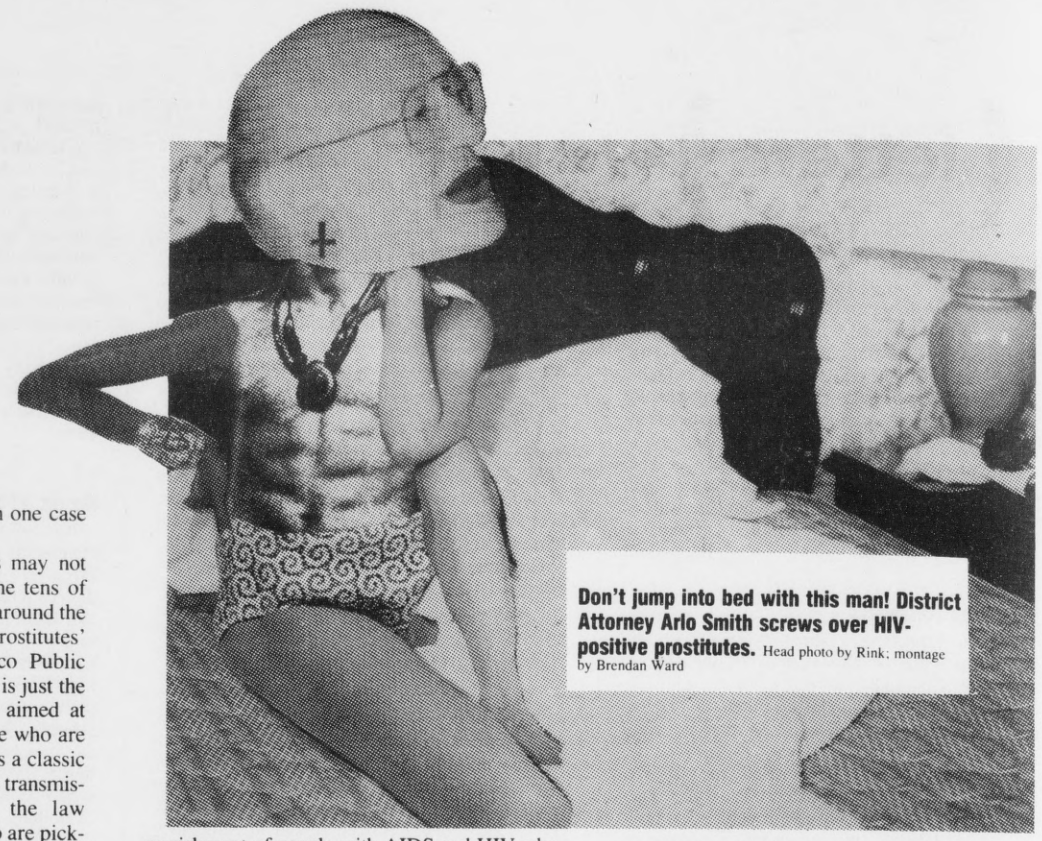
Criminalizing AIDS:

D.A. Arlo Smith's Office Targets HIV-Positive Prostitutes (Can You Say 'Scapegoat'?)

by Tim Kingston



Don't jump into bed with this man! District Attorney Arlo Smith screws over HIV-positive prostitutes. Head photo by Rink; montage by Brendan Ward

In San Francisco, people with AIDS and HIV can have sex whenever they want to, without fear of prosecution or persecution—unless they happen to be a prostitute. And if San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith's office gets its way, anyone with AIDS or HIV convicted of prostitution will face *felony* charges resulting in up to three years in state prison—even if they are practicing safer sex. If that same person is HIV-negative, he or she faces a misdemeanor prostitution charge with a maximum of only six months in jail.

"They are punishing people for being HIV-positive," charges an irate Elliot Ramos, outreach worker for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

The district attorney's office says the law will prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS. Yet scientists and epidemiologists say it will have little if any impact on HIV transmission. They also charge the law scapegoats prostitutes and unfairly blames them for spreading HIV. On the other side, advocates of the law say it is a deterrent. But the vast majority of prostitutes and prostitute rights groups say it is not. The law's advocates say the law is a sensible use of public resources. Attorneys and jail health workers say it is a waste of money.

Despite such controversy, the San Francisco DA's office is aggressively leading the charge against people with HIV and AIDS who are accused of prostitution in California. Under the direction of deputy DA Jerry Coleman, the DA's office is pursuing over half of *all* felony prostitution cases in the state—i.e., 17 of 28 total cases. No other jurisdiction is pursuing anywhere near that number. Even Los Angeles, with roughly a quarter more AIDS cases than San Francisco, and double the number of prostitution busts last year, is only going after two cases of HIV-related felony prostitution. Indeed, Santa Clara and Fresno are the only counties pursuing more than one case apiece.

While 17 HIV-related indictments may not seem an excessive number—given the tens of thousands of prostitution convictions around the state—health workers and activists, prostitutes' rights groups and the San Francisco Public Defender's office are all worried this is just the start of a new wave of harassment aimed at prostitutes—this time directed at those who are HIV-positive. To its critics, the law is a classic case of scapegoating prostitutes for the transmission of HIV. More specifically, the law criminalizes prostitutes with HIV who are picked up by the vice squad, usually street prostitutes who are poor. They are often women or transgendered, and they are frequently people of color.

Prostitutes and their defenders say many of those arrested and charged with felony prostitution, particularly the transgendered, are being arrested for giving hand jobs or blow jobs in the Tenderloin. Both activities run a low risk of HIV transmission, particularly if a condom is used. Even when engaged in anal or vaginal sex, prostitutes generally use condoms and practice safer sex more consistently than the general population, say sex workers, researchers and public health workers contacted for this article. As Carol Queen, a sex-work activist, educator and author, points out, "They use their body to make a living. Clearly, they don't want to make it sick. They don't want to wreck it."

DOOLITTLE'S LEGACY

DA Arlo Smith's office is using a pair of little-known laws passed during the AIDS-hysteria days of the mid 1980s—originally penned by arch-homophobe and ex-assembly member John Doolittle. The laws mandate HIV testing and punishment of people with AIDS and HIV who are convicted of prostitution.

Ever since August 1990, anyone convicted of prostitution in San Francisco can be forced to take an HIV test and six hours of AIDS education (Penal Code 1202.6). If they are arrested for prostitution a second time—and their test result is positive—the charge for what is normally a misdemeanor is jacked up to felony prostitution (Penal Code 647f), which carries up to three years in state prison.

Positive test results are stored in Sacramento by the California Department of Health. Of the 60 counties and health departments in the state, only 17 have bothered to pursue the law with court-mandated HIV antibody tests. Of the 17 counties that have reported, San Francisco is second only to Los Angeles in the number of positive test results it has sent to the central registry (66 from SF vs. 249 from L.A.).

While those figures may simply reflect HIV seroprevalence patterns statewide, deputy district attorney Jerry Coleman offers a revealing explanation for the large number of indictments San Francisco is pursuing: "We have been vigorously enforcing the law for almost a year."

It is this zeal that has health care workers and civil rights activists nervous. Coleman designed both the tracking and enforcement mechanisms for the SF district attorney's office, enabling the City to implement the law. He is widely regarded as an authority on prosecuting such cases.

"What we are really dealing with is non-informed commercial sex, where the john or police person is not informed of the HIV status of the prostitute," says Coleman. "There are public health reasons beyond normal felony considerations that you would want to deter."

Coleman seemed slightly surprised when asked what motivates the DA's office to pursue felony prostitution cases with such vigor. "[The] significant health risk is a motivation," he says. "If the conduct alleged is true, then the person engaging in that is akin to playing Russian roulette with a gun. If there is a statute on the books that will assist in disarming the bullet from that gun, it makes good public health sense to use that statute."

ARLO'S AMBITIONS?

When *SF Bay Times* attempted to ask District Attorney Arlo Smith why he is allowing, or encouraging, his office to "vigorously" pursue such

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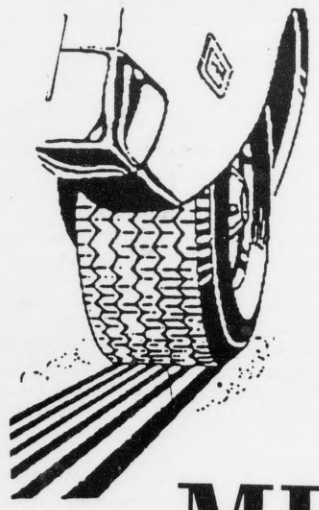

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cases when many public health officials and researchers contend the law is punitive and discriminatory, no answer was forthcoming. Smith—currently seeking office as California attorney general—did not return several calls made to his office, campaign headquarters and home.

Critics of Smith's vigorous enforcement of the felony prostitution law suspect something in addition to a concern for public health as a motivating factor. "We have a district attorney that is trying to make a name for himself," asserts Susan Halpern, an early intervention nurse at the San Francisco jail. Halpern believes it is all an electoral gimmick. "[Smith's] philosophy is, there are individuals who are trying to commit murder. They know they have HIV and are spreading the disease. He is trying to find a scapegoat for HIV."

With the race for California attorney general already on, several off-the-record interviews with individuals in the criminal justice system also believe Smith is using the issue for electoral advantage. They say targeting HIV-positive prostitutes may not go down too well in the Bay Area, but it makes sweet electoral music in more conservative areas of the state. Such an electoral strategy also distances Smith from the "liberalism" of San Francisco, in the same way Sen. Dianne Feinstein used her support of the death penalty to get elected to the U.S. Senate. And even in the City the DA's policy will garner votes, if the spontaneous comment of one employee at the City's criminal diversion program is anything to go by. That employee's reaction to HIV-positive prostitutes? "I'd shoot them myself."

Sheer electoral greed may not be the only reason Smith is letting his office run amok. "[Smith] has a handful of true believers—evangelists. People who feel they are on a moral crusade," says Grace Saurez. "He has a very hard-nosed group of people who have prevailed upon him to do this. You have some old-fashioned DAs who look at prostitution as a moral inequity. They have grave fears of AIDS and they think it is their obligation to do this testing right and left."

"It is not a victimless crime," retorts Coleman with exasperation when queried on his unwavering support for the felony law. "Any legal tool that can help return our streets to the citizens who live on them and pay taxes in our city...rather than the criminals who run on them, is a useful statute. If this statute deters just one person from unsafe sex and protects their partner, then it is a valuable law."

But Dr. Nan Corby, co-director of the community research program at Cal State Long Beach, suggests another more instinctive, subconscious male-indentified reason for the vigorous enforcement of the law. "Why is it that prostitutes get arrested for sex crimes and maybe are required to be HIV tested, whereas the customer so often has the charges dropped to a non-sex crime, such as disorderly conduct?"

"You ask where the sympathy is," says Dr. Corby. "You will probably find more customers of prostitutes on judicial benches than you will find potential prostitutes on the bench—although it is arguable I suppose," she adds mischievously.

USE A CONDOM, GO TO JAIL

Proof that HIV status is being criminalized, not the *behavior* that transmits the disease, is provided by the fact that individuals who are HIV-positive and assert they practice safer sex are nonetheless charged with felony prostitution in San Francisco. The DA's office makes no distinction between those who play safe and those who do not. In one felony prostitution case currently active, the DA's office is using the defendant's provision of a condom prior to arrest as evidence of criminal intent. That incenses Doug Rappaport, public defender in the case. "It is outrageous. The act [of using a condom] is something that is designed to protect people from the spread of HIV, and they are using it to prosecute them!"

As attorney Irwin Keller succinctly noted, the law has "no exception for safe sex. [Penal Code] 647f makes a felony out of your status, plus your awareness of your status. It doesn't care about the nature of your actions." But if one takes Coleman's metaphor that having sex with an HIV-positive prostitute is like playing Russian roulette, then sex with a prostitute who has HIV, and is practicing safer sex, is like the game with a gun that has wet gunpowder. It may go off, but it is highly unlikely.

Vic St. Blaise, sex worker and editor of *Whorezine*, says the felony law ignores the fact that at least two responsible adults are involved in every commercial sex act. The law also ignores the fact that it is often the clients who try to get prostitutes to practice unsafe sex for extra money. "Prostitutes that I know tell their tricks they are positive," says Bonnie Swartz, of the AIDS Health Project. "And the tricks *still* wanted not to use a condom."

"The responsibility for safe sex does not fall on one party, it falls on everyone," says St. Blaise. "If prostitutes should get tested and reported, they should [also] test all johns!"

St. Blaise complains, "HIV does not travel on money. I have sex for money and it does not put me at extra risk, unless," he adds wryly, "unless the money is covered in blood and semen and I rub it into a wound."

Deputy DA Coleman acknowledges that evidence of condom use is indeed utilized in court as evidence to prove a prostitution offense has occurred. Thus, someone trying to practice safer sex may find their efforts to protect themselves and their clients used against them in a court of law.

This is precisely what happened to Lisa, a young HIV-positive male transgender, now sitting in San Bruno jail, facing felony prostitution charges. Lisa contends she has practiced safe sex since seroconverting two years ago, but was arrested in May and charged with felony prostitution anyway—after being mandatorily tested for HIV due to a previous arrest. She says, "As long as you have the condoms and you are showing the undercover policeman that you have condoms, then you are most likely practicing safe sex with your dates. That should weigh heavily in the decision when you are going to court."

For Lisa, it appears to be a case of "Use a condom. Go to jail."

Asked if the practice of safe sex should be a consideration in deciding whether or not someone is charged with felony prostitution, Jerry Coleman says that is an "awkward" and "philosophical question" he would prefer not to address. Coleman adds, "The law does not require the transmission of a single drop of bodily fluid. It does not matter if there is safe sex or not. From the public health standpoint, safe sex may save lives. [But] that particular equation is irrelevant to that law, and that is the only fair comment I want to make."

The fact that the San Francisco DA's office does not determine if safer sex is being practiced by HIV-positive prostitutes simply proves to Carol Queen that the "aim of the law is not to prevent HIV. It is to harass sex workers and people with HIV."

TRUE BELIEVERS

Not surprisingly, Jerry Coleman and other DAs contacted by the *SF Bay Times* see things differently. They have no problem with the law's concentration on an individual's HIV-status as opposed to their behavior. According to these DAs, the logic is simple: Prostitution is bad and illegal, and prostitution by people infected with HIV is worse, regardless of whether or not they are practicing safer sex. Some even dispute the efficacy of safer sex in preventing HIV transmission.

The DAs contacted by *SF Bay Times* cited two other reasons for enforcing the law. First, they argue it has a deterrent value. Second, they say the law removes from society and punishes individuals who are "spreading" the disease. In their eyes, resources used to enforce the law are resources well spent. The fact that it is prostitutes who face a disproportionate level of criminal sanctions and not the clients is simply not an issue of concern.

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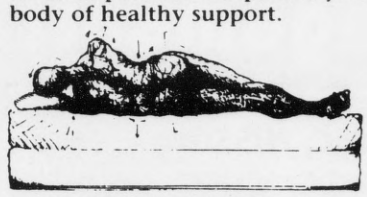

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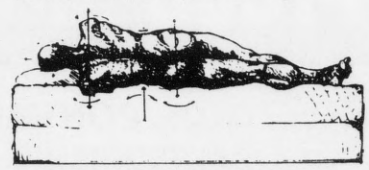

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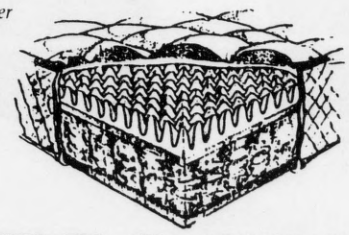

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torney dealing with felony prostitution cases, blew up when asked if he thought the law discriminates on the basis of HIV status, instead of behavior. "It is the most ridiculous argument I have ever heard!...Think of the people who use condoms, and they leak and break. The virus is a lot smaller than sperm. It is not safe sex; it is safer sex. Anyone who thinks it is safe sex needs to look at the condom [failure rates]."

Weger adds, "Being the parent of two teens, the word 'safe' sex gets my dander up. There is no such thing. The only safe way is abstinence."

After a decade of safer sex campaigns and AIDS education in the Bay Area, hearing arguments about the ineffectiveness of condoms and safer sex in slowing the spread of HIV is frustrating to AIDS educators. Robert Lawrence, training coordinator of the San Francisco Sex Information line, acknowledges that research study does show varying rates of condom failure. But, he adds, "In nearly every case, failure is due to persons using it improperly: not using lube or taking it off improperly."

For Michelle McCabe-McCoy, another Santa Clara deputy DA, the point is the law, not safer sex. "Prostitution has always been illegal," she says, adding that is how "various [sexually transmitted diseases] have been spread. That is one of the reasons you want to suppress professional sex." Asked why the law focuses on the prostitutes and not the clients who may be spreading the disease just as efficiently, McCabe-McCoy analogized, saying that prostitution is like drug dealing. "We go after dope sellers [more than] buyers. It is more effective. Those that provide the lethal service, they are in a sense more reprehensible."

Myron Shapiro, Fresno's chief deputy district attorney in charge of misdemeanors, acknowledges that prostitution has been around since time immemorial and will probably continue. But he says the law has a more basic aim, keeping HIV-infected prostitutes out of circulation. "It is a statement that, if you are infected, we don't want you on the streets, no matter how you practice [sex]."

"SILLY" SCIENCE

The underlying thesis of the felony prostitution statute is that prostitution is an efficient route of HIV transmission in the United States, and California. And consequently, the enforcement of the law will slow the progress of the AIDS epidemic. But that logic is not true according to epidemiologists, researchers and health workers in the field.

"It is totally silly," asserts Nancy Padian, an epidemiologist at UCSF and director of the California Partners Study. "If they think [the law] will stop the epidemic, it won't." Padian acknowledges that in the underdeveloped world prostitution has played a significant role in HIV transmission. But, she says, "Prostitution in *this* country is not a big factor in spreading the epidemic or maintaining it."

While very few studies have been published on seroprevalence among prostitutes in the U.S., what is available does not indicate a particularly high rate of infection among commercial sex workers on the West Coast, say researchers in the field. In San Francisco, both the PHREDA study (Perinatal HIV Reduction Education Demonstration Activities) and the San Francisco City Clinic report approximately 4 percent of women who exchange sex for drugs or money are HIV-positive.

While that figure is double the rate of women who do not trade sex for drugs or money, neither study was able to distinguish between women infected through prostitution or women infected by sharing injection-drug equipment, although the figure suggests there is a link. By way of comparison, some 15 percent of San Francisco's injection drug users are HIV-positive.

"The only impact it will have is to keep the criminal justice system going."

Gay and bisexual men who trade sex for drugs or money have higher rates of infection. According to DPH figures, gay and bisexual men who exchange sex for drugs or money have a seroprevalence rate of 51 percent. For those who do not, the rate was 42 percent. The DPH says the difference is not statistically significant. (City Clinic statistics should be regarded as merely a broad guide to seroprevalence, because the figures are based on those who attend the clinic, not the population of prostitutes who seek care elsewhere, or are healthy.)

Epidemiologists also say the current law is pointed in the wrong direction regarding prostitutes. If anyone should be tested in a male/female sex-for-money transaction, it is the man not the woman, says Padian and other researchers. All the available data shows it is far easier for a woman prostitute to be infected by a male client if they are having unprotected sex, than it is for a woman to infect the male. Dr. Nan Corby, a researcher at Cal State Long Beach, who directed a study promoting increased condom use among prostitutes, notes that some male prostitutes are likely to be at risk of infection due to unprotected anal intercourse. But in both cases, she says, "The prostitutes are more likely to be at risk [from customers], than to cause risk for their customers."

DUBIOUS DETERRENCE

The concept of the law as a deterrent to prostitution might be valid if the prostitutes being arrested by the SFPD vice squad had an alternative—another job skill, a home, or even a detox program. But most do not. Norma Hotaling of the Forensic AIDS Project says many prostitutes are arrested, jailed and then released, only to go straight back to sex work, because they have no other skills.

Many of the prostitutes in the Tenderloin are well aware of the law and its consequences. But they say the law will have little impact on their continuing commercial sex work. A brief survey of a dozen or so prostitutes around the Tenderloin found only one who knew someone who quit because of the law. The general attitude appeared to be that the felony prostitution law is yet another occupational hazard, rather than a serious incentive to quit.

"It has no effect whatsoever," says Lisa, sitting in an interview room at San Bruno Jail. "It is like, if you are a thief and you have two hands and they cut one arm off, you are still going to have the other arm. You will just be more careful." Shifting into a more personal mode, she

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adds, "It is the only way that I know how to make a living. And if I had bills or I have to take care of something, I will go back to that."

Lisa says the only things that have gotten her to stop sex work for any period of time were becoming eligible for SSI and getting into support programs that are available to people who are HIV-positive and transgendered. "Now," she says, "there is a little bit more help [for] us, the people in this position that are HIV-positive. That keeps us off the streets."

While street sex workers in general often find getting off the street difficult, it is particularly hard for transgenders like Lisa. How many straight—or for that matter gay—employers are going to hire a transgendered person? Society is rife with prejudice against transgenders.

Many of the sexual transactions going on in the street are simply survival sex, and outreach workers with the AIDS Foundation and Asian AIDS Project see little possibility of the enforcement of felony prostitution legislation having any deterrent effect. On the street, the law "is in the back of people's minds, not the front," says SF AIDS Foundation's Elliot Ramos. "You are dealing with so many other things. The need to survive is the most important: food, shelter, drugs to keep up your habit. I don't think most people are looking at the law until they get picked up."

Perhaps the most cynical analysis of the impact of the law comes from Public Defender Rappaport, who says, "The only impact it will have is to keep the criminal justice system going.... Most of the stiffer penalties are not deterrents. People who commit acts of prostitution seem to be recidivists or habitual offenders. They are people who come back, over and over again."

BURNING UP THE ALTERNATIVES

The costs of enforcing felony prostitution laws is an ever-expanding balloon: Money is spent on the arrest, on the trial, and on the incarceration. But there seems to be little effort to provide programs and real alternatives for prostitutes who want to quit the profession—and, incidentally, to avoid the profession's risk of HIV infection.

Meanwhile, Gov. Pete Wilson is slashing away at California's AIDS education, health and welfare programs. The only area he is not hacking away at is, yes, you guessed it: law enforcement.

Robin Laylon was the founder and director of the now-defunct Women Emerging program. The award-winning program arranged drug and alcohol counseling for women who wanted to leave the sex industry. They also set up peer counseling groups by women who had successfully moved out of prostitution, and provided job training and placement services. The annual budget was $40,000. Laylon says the program ran for four years and helped a number of women leave the sex industry. But, Laylon says, money and grants ran out in 1990 "because prostitution was not a sexy subject. Other concerns were more primary."

Norma Hotaling of the Forensic AIDS Project says, in comparison, each felony prostitution case expends $1,000 to $1,200 in court costs alone, not including the police and sheriff's time spent. "That is just in sentencing," says Hotaling. "County time [in jail per convicted prostitute] costs between $13,000 and $17,000. In state time, that is in the $22,000 to $27,000 range."

Hotaling then points to a successful drug rehabilitation program in Florida that many prostitutes have gone through, which only costs $800 a person. She says in that program the district attorney, the public defender and the judge all work together with prostitutes—who want to quit—to provide detox, work skills and jobs at above-minimum wages. Hotaling adds that Florida has seen 1,600 people go through the "Drug Court," and the recidivism rate is less than 1 percent. Compare that to the average prostitute who is busted four to six times a year, at a cost to the criminal justice system of about $6,000 annually, she says.

There are other costs as well. Whenever a felony prostitution case goes to trial in San Francisco, the DA's office has subpoenaed Brian Liu, the DPH microbiologist, to appear in court to testify on the validity of the HIV antibody test being used. Liu reluctantly confirmed he has been subpoenaed four to six times by the DA. Whenever Liu is subpoenaed he spends the day in court, waiting to testify, and not doing work needed by the DPH.

"We are trying to do a health-related job," says Wendy Iwata, director of public information for the DPH. "It is not a good use of time for us." Iwata says no subpoenas have ever been issued to the DPH until Jerry Coleman came in and started going after HIV-positive prostitutes. Now, she says, "There has been subpoena after subpoena."

Another unquantifiable expense is loss of trust that may result when individuals involved in prostitution see health workers testify against them. As Neil Broom, a social worker with the City's Forensic AIDS Project worried, "They are enlisting the assistance of health care providers in, basically, prosecuting people. That is very dangerous. That is scary. There is a conflict."

Beyond the cost issues or the question of whether or not the law is a deterrent, the basic problem with the law is "taking social problems and defining them as criminal justice problems," says Alissa Riker, director of the City's supervised citation-release program.

Riker snapped that this is all the fault of those who make the laws. "The Legislature just loves to create laws that enhance sentences without thinking about jail crowding." There are mandatory sentences for prostitution that are "ridiculous," says Riker. "What good will that do? They will lock them up in San Bruno for 45 days, and [then] they let them out. Is that going to stop them going back to the life?"

"Behavioral change is not brought about by punitive action," snorts Broom. "Using law enforcement techniques as a way to address public health and social problems has not been successful in the past. Why is it going to be effective now? All it does is appease public outrage. It does not address the issue. It does not stop prostitution, or stop people infecting one another." ✿

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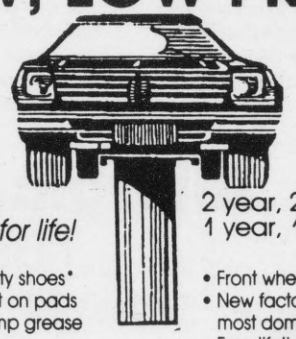

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Transsexuals Ousted Again at Michigan Festival: Controversy Continues

by Kathleen Anderson

Nancy Burkholder went to Michigan to commune with nature and thousands of women. She stood tall among the trees, breathing in the clear air and enjoying the warm weather. Her vacation was cut short—by prejudice.

The longstanding controversy over the exclusion of transsexuals from the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival has heated up again. On Aug. 12, the MWMF told four post-operative transsexual women, and a supporter, that they were not welcome at the "womyn-born womyn" event. The transsexual women left and moved onto National Forest Land nearby.

Among the transsexual women was Burkholder, who in 1991 was the first transsexual ever asked to leave the festival, which sparked a movement to girlcott the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival in 1992. The other transsexual women were Davina Gabriel of Missouri, Wendy Kaiser of Maine and Rica Fredrickson of Pennsylvania. They were supported by Janis Walworth of Massachusetts, who is not transsexual.

Burkholder believes the producers are trying to avoid community outrage by using "a namby-pamby, touchy-feely" phrase like "womyn-born womyn," which she says is used as a code word to exclude transsexuals.

Transsexuals want the policy to openly state, "No Transsexuals Allowed," says Burkholder. She adds there would be 6,000 fewer participants "if Michigan was a lesbian separatist festival."

On the first day of the festival, the five women opened a literature and information table on transsexuals and gender issues. They asked festival-goers to sign a petition to change the current MWMF policy. The women say they had no negative reactions in the three days they attended the festival. They say they participated fully by working in the kitchen and support tents, attending the events, shopping for crafts and taking showers.

On Thursday, the third day of the festival, the group was approached by two women, one of whom said she was MWMF security coordinator. After being asked if they were transsexual, the women were told they weren't respecting the "womyn-born womyn" policy of the event. The transsexual women explained they identified themselves as "womyn-born womyn." Security then told them there had been complaints and threats from women at the festival and their safety could not be guaranteed.

Although the transsexual women left the table inside the festival to supporters, petitions, literature, donations and personal property were eventually stolen.

According to Barbara Price, one of two MWMF producers, the "womyn-born womyn" policy is widely known and is now advertised. It is, in fact, part of an ongoing discussion that began in the '70s. Price says she is sure there are "some very wonderful people" among transsexuals and she doesn't want to generalize, "but the festival is for womyn." It is sad, she went on to say, that the transsexual women are looking for legitimacy based on a no-win situation.

After a wonderful five days at the festival in 1990, Burkholder planned to go to the MWMF every year. But when she returned in 1991 she was ousted. After a rude awakening at 1 am, Burkholder was given a refund and room in a cheap hotel, she says. She had no intention of repeating the experience.

In 1992, supporter Janis Walworth set up a table on information regarding transsexuals and gender at the festival. She conducted a survey, and 73 percent of the 600 people who answered were in favor of letting transsexual women participate. Another 23 percent were against it.

Burkholder was happy about all the support and decided to join transsexual women who planned to attend in 1993 to raise consciousness on the issue. "Two years ago I was devastated," she says. Yet, it was a "kick in the ass to get out of the closet." In the end, "it had been very positive," she adds, finding the experience to have been validating.

This year when she was told she didn't belong in the festival, Burkholder was prepared. Still,

"Womyn-born womyn" are still the only ones allowed at the Michigan Women's Music Festival.
Photo by Barbara Seyda

there was a "feeling of devastation" once again. After being there for three days, she had let her guard down. She says she received hugs and heard, "Hi Nancy," along the paths of the festival.

Price says the festival producers and security knew transsexual women were going to be there, but did not "investigate" "until other attendees demanded action. On the first day Price says there were two reports of "men in drag." The first day we got two reports," Price says, of a man in drag. The people complaining asked several times, "Are you going to do anything about it?" Price says she got more reports saying, "There are men here. Isn't the festival going to do something?" Price says they told the women the festival would do something about it.

According to Price, the transsexual women were aware of the "womyn-born womyn" policy. She says the transsexuals made sure they were known by sending notes to the producers saying, "We are five transsexuals here in the festival." Originally the festival security took a wait-and-see attitude. By the third day, they approached the transsexual women for not "respecting the guidelines" of the festival, says Price.

But Burkholder denies they sent notes to the producers stating they were there. "No one in the group sent those that I know," she says, claiming they were not there to be "in your face" activists. "We had better things to do with our energy.

"I felt an outpouring of support," she continues. "I just want the community to decide." This is a process with no deadline, Burkholder insists, suggesting it is more like the lesbian/gay experience in the straight world. Gays are not going to go away and neither are transsexuals.

Price says the festival is the largest women's festival in the world, with 7,500 women attending from the United States, Canada and at least 20 other countries. She says the "mixed gay press" has given the MWMF the worst treatment on this issue. "We have three generations of womyn" at this event, Price says. There are 40-50 different performances of dance, theater, music and comedy from all over the world. There is a crafts fair of 400 women and over 400 workshops. Why, she asks, is all the coverage based on this issue while ignoring the event and what it stands for?

The term "womyn-born womyn" is deceiving, say transsexuals, who believe they were born women in men's bodies. Christine Tayleur, Adult Services Coordinator at the Tenderloin Self-Help Center, explains, "There are many intersexed people." She says she has known hundreds of transsexuals who have had some type of genital adaptation, or disorders that are genetic. There is a theory, says Tayleur, that transsexualism is "like being gay, that there is a genetic predisposition along those lines."

Christine Beatty, a computer programmer and author of *Misery Loves Company*, a Tenderloin transsexual perspective, says being left out of the festival just adds insult to injury. The women who went were post-operative, she says. Most transsexuals are pre-operative and live in a "legal socio-cultural limbo." If there are 20,000-50,000 post-operative transsexuals, there are 250,000 pre-operative, says Beatty, estimating that fewer than 500 would go to an event like MWMF.

Some transsexuals "come across as a bunch of entitlement men," who are demanding rights, Beatty says. She suggests that equal respect will lead to a wait-and-see attitude to determine if the individual is "giving off male or female energy." If the organizers were "closed-minded separatists, I wouldn't want to be there anyway.

"I do understand some of the separatist concerns," Beatty says. "I know I'm a different kind of woman." ✿

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The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Dedication: Standing in the Presence of History

by David M. Fetterman

All of us who stood in the rain that day for the dedication of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial were a part of history: speakers, prominent dignitaries and each member of the audience. The symbolism of Chaim Herzog's presence was clear—as president of Israel he represented a country expressly devoted to championing the rights of and providing refuge for Jews. The irony of Lech Walesa's presence was also clear, coming only a few weeks after the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

It was cold and wet, befitting of that dark period in modern civilization, but no one moved during the dedication. The speakers stirred emotions ranging from sorrow to defiance. Questions I had posed as a child were echoed by the crowd: How could this have happened? How can there be a God if such a thing is possible? How could so many people have turned away knowing what they knew about unspeakable atrocities, such indecencies of the hand and the heart. The questions raised were questions I never expected to hear raised in Washington, D.C. But that bastion of politics and power is precisely where the questions belonged. As President Clinton said, "The Holocaust reminds us forever that knowledge divorced from values can only serve to deepen the human nightmare, that a head without a heart is not humanity." There was no better place for such a reminder than in our capital and at this time in history, when racial and ethnic hatred are proliferating worldwide, including ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia, racial segregation and violence in South Africa, and the oppression of the Kurds in Iraq and the Baha'i in Iran.

There were also feelings of rage while we listened to survivors and liberators describe what they had seen and experienced. The now familiar cry "Never again" swelled in my heart, that pledge of strength and survival choking me with emotion. The Jewish Defense League also played a role, literally providing a backdrop for this event. Protesters with signs stating that the Holocaust had never happened were an unreal sight—but I stared at their faces and they did not look like the lunatic fringe. They reminded me that it could happen again—both with misguided, disturbed people and with ordinary, good people who fail to speak out because they are too busy or too afraid to step out of their protected little worlds. The question keeps recurring: How could so many people and so many countries have allowed this to continue when they knew what was happening? And Elie Wiesel's question—Why did no one bomb the railroad tracks to stop the horror?—still haunts me today. But I can see how it begins: dismissing the cranks because they are so small, disorganized and obviously crazy; then failing to fight subtle and not-so-subtle biases and bigotry in our own hearts—dehumanizing groups that we consider to be less than ourselves because they are different.

When I finally tore my eyes away from the parade of speakers, each more riveting than the last, I noticed how many gay and lesbian couples were gathered there, listening and watching. Many had come to the city to participate in the gay and lesbian rally later that weekend. But many were there for the same reason I was. We listened to every word, every nuance and intonation. We held on to every word as if it were precious and holy. It seemed right that there were so many gay couples present: As one speaker pointed out, the Nazis found it frighteningly easy to start the horrible process with homosexuals because they were different, outcasts, social deviants. They were already treated in a dehumanizing manner, making it easier to dismiss and destroy them. Their presence was a gentle reminder that we all need to guard against socially condoned bigotries.

As the survivors spoke, I thought of my own family and friends. I thought about the devastation I felt while researching my family tree when I found that an entire line had been wiped out in a few years by the Nazis' systematic genocide. The scale of it is difficult to comprehend, even when it touches your own family. I also thought about all the survivors I have met throughout my life. I remember as a child leaning over and asking my mother in synagogue what the numbers meant—the numbers on the arm of the woman sitting next to me. I remembered the stories told night after night by survivors on a kibbutz in Israel. They were not proud stories; many survivors were ashamed of what they had to do to survive—but they lived. One survivor spoke about how he was lined up with his brother in front of a mass grave. The two boys were told they could stay alive if they would be scavengers and take valuables off the dead bodies for the Nazis. The brother refused and was shot; my kibbutz friend did what he had to do to survive. Another survivor tried to help me understand why so few fought back. He told me how one Nazi would leave an empty rifle within reach of naked prisoners standing in line en route to the gas chambers. Inevitably someone would grab the rifle and try to shoot the Nazis. They would take the rifle away and tell the victim that he or she was responsible for seeing everyone else in the line shot to death first because of that one action. These mental games did not compare with the insidious acts of physical cruelty and torture, or disfigurement and destruction. When Edward R. Murrow said, "If I've offended you by this rather mild account of Buchenwald, I'm not in the least sorry," I understood and I believe that the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum will serve the same purpose for every American. It describes what happened without apology, as a debt to the dead and a reminder to the living that they must prevent such things from ever happening again—to any group.

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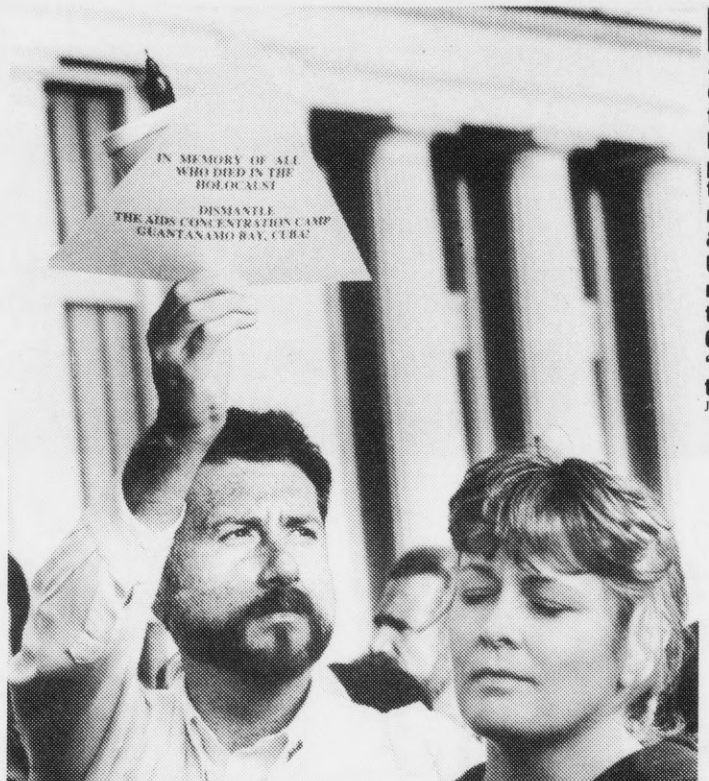

A participant at the commemoration of the Holocaust Museum draws parallels between the Nazis' treatment of Jews, gays & lesbians and the US govt's treatment of Black Haitian refugees in the Guantanamo Bay "AIDS concentration Camp." Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

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Queer Student Bashes H.S. Homophobia

by Brent Calderwood & Rick Aguirre

For most queer high school students, returning to school this week will also mean returning to our closets. Last spring, a newly-elected president promised us better education and openness in the military. Thousands of our young queer voices were heard when we flocked to march on Washington in April, and millions more watched, listened and read about us at home.

But the opinion of youth is not invincible. By July, even our friend Bill was urging us to keep quiet. The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy was another permission slip for high school homophobes to use words like "homo," "dyke" and "faggot" to drown out our voices. Clinton's policy, which encourages the military to ignore the existence of homosexuals, is a pat on the collective backs of school administrators, who are in denial about teen sexuality and harassment.

But Elliot Dror, 17, a senior at George Washington High in San Francisco, is fighting back. When the spring 1993 issue of *The Wire*, his school's literary magazine, published an anti-gay poem, "Deal Offered on Gay Ban in Military," Dror began a campaign for retribution.

According to Dror, *The Wire* probably had no intention of allowing Washington High's lesbian, gay and bisexual community a rebuttal. Dror said that a student-teacher, who had also been working on *The Wire*, informed the school's queer youth group that *The Wire* would be publishing a very homophobic poem. "He thought it would be a really good idea if we put some kind of rebuttal poem of our own in. He also told us that we had three days till the deadline." Dror doubts he would have had any warning at all if the student-teacher had not brought the poem to the group's attention.

However, a letter from an editor of *The Wire* was sent to Washington High's faculty. "We had hoped and did ask for an expression of the other side of the controversy," it argued, "but did not receive one."

"Three days isn't enough time," says Sharon Treece, an out lesbian teacher at John O'Connell High School in San Francisco. Treece, who teaches printing and journalism, believes *The Wire* staff used three days' notice as an alibi to claim fairness. "They should have pulled the poem entirely, held a discussion on both sides, and waited until the next issue to print it along with an opposing viewpoint."

In the final issue of *The Wire* for the '92-'93 school year, the poem appeared, uncontested: "Fifty years of sin in the closet, now an issue to be lifted by fools in politics and Gays which slaps morality in its face, sinning and coming together as if it were a race."

"I felt so helpless when this happened," admitted Dror. That didn't stop him, however. "Somebody else—a straight student at the school who wrote for *The Wire*... was really upset about it and wrote a letter. And I liked the letter, so I added a couple of things... and together we sent out this letter. But as far as I know, we were the only two people who had done anything about it."

The letter, sent to the principal and to *The Wire* staff, reads in part, "We the underrepresented have... grave concerns with one of the pieces included: Jason Woodside's poem on page 36, 'Deal Offered on Gay Ban in Military.' We do not find it appropriate for a gay-hate piece to be placed in a publication for a high school environment.

"Please do not mistake our intentions. We greatly value our right to free speech and press. However... this right must have certain limitations. For instance, an individual in our society does not have the right to yell 'fire' in a crowded theater. A restriction has been placed on the right because of... the safety of others in this society... By condoning Jason's piece... you are endangering us and encouraging prejudice."

Dror's next step was to contact organizations for assistance. He tried several organizations but found GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) to be the most helpful.

In a letter to Al Vidal, Washington High's principal, Al Kielwasser (coordinator of GLAAD's school-related Project 21), said, "While Jason Woodside should not be censured in any way for expressing his anti-gay/lesbian feelings, I do hope you have taken immediate steps to extend the option of counseling to this student. Homophobia is a serious disorder. If this student had publicly declared his desire to rape women or to burn down public buildings, I assume you would attempt some sort of intervention... This poem is, in that respect, a plea for help. How will you answer that plea?"

Two days after they sent the letter, GLAAD released a news brief stating, "Following student complaints and swift intervention from the Board of Education and school district officials, an apology was announced over the school's public address system and an on-site forum was held to discuss the issue."

Dror considers GLAAD's description too generous. The "apology" (which maintained Woodside's right to free speech) was delivered over the PA system during the seventh period, by which time half the students had left for the day, Dror explained. "I was in Spanish class. As soon as the teacher heard what it was about he turned the volume all the way off."

As for the forum: "I was, I think, the only student at the meeting. There were a couple of gay teachers that showed up.... There was the director of the Peer Resource Center, who was there to support me... and there was Kevin (Gogin, director of Gay and Lesbian Support Services for the San Francisco Unified School District). We talked about what the next step was. And we decided that the next thing would have to be that somebody write a letter—another letter—to the administration and the editors."

The letter, again written by Dror, is the latest tactic in his fight for peace, but probably not the last one. "We ask you to think: What if it were you? What if everyone was supporting a statement that said you were 'a slap in morality's face' for something that you have no control over and hurts no one? Remember this is all at our school. We look forward to working with you in the future. —The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Community at George Washington High School and friends."

Despite vehement opposition from a large portion of the faculty and student body, Elliot Dror remains optimistic about his senior year. "I felt a lot of fear when this happened, and I felt a lot of fear doing all the stuff that I did, but it has to be done. That's what I feel. That's what I know." ✿

Rick Aguirre and Brent Calderwood are on the staff of Inside Out, *a quarterly newsmagazine by and about lesbian, gay, bisexual and questioning young people. "We give you the inside scoop on queer kid issues from politics to ponytails." For more info or to subscribe, please call 267-1850 or write to* Inside Out, *PO Box 460268, SF 94146.*

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Sticky Bun Horror Continues

SAN FRANCISCO - In the wake of homophobic remarks from Dr. Yusef Bey, owner of Your Black Muslim Bakery, producer of healthy snack foods, both the Harvest Market and the Buffalo Food Co. in the Castro have discontinued the company's products.

The bakery, which offers carrot cakes and sticky buns among other products, has been a major supplier to health food stores in the Bay Area for many years. Bey's comments were made on a cable TV show out of Oakland in June.

While the decision to cancel may seem like an easy one, Rob Mitchell of Buffalo Food Co. says it is not. "It's one of the few businesses in town that employs young African American men," he said. "I'm not real sure of the extent to which the owner's philosophy, which is pretty repugnant, is reflected by the other people who work for him."

Gilles Desaulniers, owner of Harvest Market, says his store is not going to carry the bakery's products either.

Commenting on the controversy surrounding the Bakery, the San Francisco chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) said in a press release that the organization "recognizes and respects everyone's right to freedom of speech. Some speech, however, such as homophobic hate speech, spawns the violence which plagues the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered communities."

GLAAD reports that Rainbow Grocery, the single largest health food store in the City, has also discontinued the company's products. Rainbow could not be reached for comment.

On the TV show, Bey said he didn't want his child "looking up to" a "faggot" history teacher. He also said that women shouldn't let other women "con you into that filth (lesbianism). That's your destruction."

Military Policy Under Attack

LOS ANGELES - The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Foundation of Southern California, in responding to the RAND Corporation report on gays and lesbians in the military, says the study indicates "there can be no other purpose for the "Don't Tell" policy other than catering to the perceived fears and prejudice of heterosexual soldiers."

"The administration's new policy, which assumes openly gay soldiers have a propensity to engage in sexual misconduct, clearly is not supported by the RAND study's recommendation that there should be strict rules of conduct prohibiting sexual misconduct or harassment which apply equally to gay and non-gay servicepersons," says the ACLU.

The study is expected to be extremely useful in the ACLU's litigation against the ban on gays and lesbians in the armed forces.

The RAND study says that: there are few problems with "the presence of homosexual service members"; it's possible to change how troops behave toward previously excluded minorities; and the Department of Defense's testing program for AIDS prevents the entry of infected individuals into the military.

Meanwhile, U.S. District Judge Milton Schwartz in Sacramento, ruling in the case of Mel Dahl, a sailor discharged for being gay, says the military's policy against gays and lesbians is unconstitutional and grounded in prejudice. The government is expected to appeal the decision.

Finally, two Bay Area groups opposing the ban on gays and lesbians in the military are urging folks to write their congressmembers to ask for action against Congress' plan to make "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" into the official law of the land. Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) is expected to write this policy into law after the Labor Day holiday.

A first of its kind "Pennies Day" event was held in Justin Herman Plaza at lunchtime on Aug. 26. The event celebrated the collection of $500,000 (50 million pennies) for the AIDS Emergency Fund via their "Every Penny Counts" collection campaign. Pictured: TV filming of the penny chute. Photo by Rink

Separate Church & State

SAN FRANCISCO - Americans United for Separation of Church and State is sponsoring a national conference Sept. 19-20 in San Francisco on the political and legal agenda of the religious right and how Americans can successfully fight it.

Titled "Church, State and the Religious Right," the event at the Quality Hotel at Cathedral Hill examines the goals of the fundamentalist political organizations and offers strategies for activists who oppose their theocratic agenda. Conference registration is $25 and can be purchased at the door. Tickets to the Religious Liberty Awards Banquet are an additional $25. For more info, call (301) 589-3707.

AIDS Fraud in Sonoma County

SANTA ROSA - An ongoing investigation being conducted by the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety has determined that false charity solicitation under the name "Northern California HIV/AIDS Shelter Project" or "NC HASP" has been occurring in Sonoma County.

The persons allegedly involved in the fraud position themselves in front of local supermarkets, where they sell "gift check" booklets containing discounts at Sonoma County merchants. While the gift books and the coupons they contain are valid and honored by the merchants, the methods used to sell the books is fraud.

No such "NC HASP" charity exists, according to the authorities. Of the $10 donation for each book, up to $4.50 went to the salesperson, and the remainder to the operator of the fraud scheme, authorities say. Any person who purchased a gift book from the NC HASP is asked to phone the Department of Public Safety at (707) 584-2637.

Competing for Housing

ATLANTA - Two fast-growing and vulnerable segments of the population of this country—the elderly and those with AIDS—are increasingly competing for scarce, federally subsidized housing to live out their final days, according to a CNN Special Reports investigation, "A Place to Live, a Place to Die."

The special airs on Friday, Sept. 10 from 5-5:30 pm and in an expanded version on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 9-10 pm (Eastern). "A Place to Live, a Place to Die" looks at the rapidly growing phenomenon of homeless people with AIDS. The homeless and others disabled by the disease qualify for federally subsidized housing, putting them in direct competition for limited living space with the elderly, for whom the housing was first designed. The aged and those with AIDS square off in what one housing manager calls "fighting over crumbs," because while the numbers of elderly and people with AIDS grows, the construction of low-cost housing is declining.

SF Gay Rights Law in Trouble

SAN FRANCISCO - In an alleged sexual orientation discrimination case brought against the City, SF Laguna Honda hospital, and the medical director of Laguna Honda hospital, an attorney hired by SF filed a motion seeking to have the local gay rights law invalidated.

The move is in direct conflict with the City's highly publicized intervention in cases before the California Supreme Court asking that body to overturn appellate and Superior Court rulings which declared local anti-discrimination statutes like this one to be invalid.

The motion was argued on Sept. 9 in San Francisco Superior Court.

No Immigrant Bashing

SAN FRANCISCO - The Board of Supervisors went on record on Aug. 23 denouncing the rise of anti-immigrant sentiment and calling on community leaders and elected officials to publicly reject the scapegoating of immigrants for the country's economic and social problems.

The resolution, authored by the Asian Pacific Democratic Club and introduced by Supv. Tom Hsieh, passed without any opposition.

The resolution called for San Francisco to oppose any changes in the existing immigration laws that would further restrict immigration, or to weaken the right to seek asylum in the U.S. The resolution also puts San Francisco on record as opposing pending bills in the California Legislature that would further restrict the rights of immigrants and refugees residing in California.

Politicians Are Just Not Safe Anywhere

NEWPORT - Republican Rhode Island Congressmember Ron Machtley just can't get away from his bigoted vote on the question of lifting the ban against gays and lesbians in the military.

Machtley was in attendance at a recent traditional ceremony at Touro Synagogue when gay rights activists showed up to express their outrage at his vote against lifting the ban unconditionally.

In the traditional ceremony, Machtley read a letter George Washington once wrote to the congregation. He said afterward, "I'm just here to read a very important letter; that's it." He wouldn't comment on the presence of the gay and lesbian protesters.

Protesters Take Aim at Bishop

BROOKLYN - Protesting Brooklyn Bishop Thomas Daily's 3,000-word pastoral letter in which he characterized homosexuality as "an intrinsic evil," gay and lesbian activists on Aug. 30 stood up in silent protest while he delivered his sermon at the St. James Cathedral.

Yet Daily also said in his letter that "prejudice and discrimination against homosexual persons are not only uncharitable, they are unjust."

Protesters, organized by the New York Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), held signs or wore T-shirts with slogans such as "calling me evil promotes violence against me."

NYC Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project Director Matt Foreman described Daily's letter as "a hypocrisy that fuels violence and discrimination against lesbians and gay men."

Blackberri sings "Eat the Rich" at an Aug. 22 memorial celebration of the life of writer/activist Tede Matthews, held at Modern Times bookstore. Photo by Rink

Lesbian school board member Angie Fa was arrested along with 16 others protesting the abuse and exploitation of Round Table Pizza workers at a Round Table Pizza Labor justice demo held on Sept. 3. Fa is also a member of Health and Restaurant Workers Union Local 2. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

NEA Reverses Anti-Gay Decision

LOS ANGELES - The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has reversed a 1992 decision denying funding to three gay and lesbian film festivals after resolving a lawsuit threatened by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The ACLU charged that the NEA's actions were based on improper political considerations that constituted viewpoint censorship.

Under the terms of the settlement, Ana Steele, acting senior deputy chairperson of the NEA, agreed to give the three film festivals the $17,500 they would have received in 1992. Release of the funds will settle all claims against the NEA by the gay and lesbian film festivals, which include New Festival, Inc., an annual New York festival; Lesbian and Gay Film Festival of Pittsburgh, Inc.; and Gay and Lesbian Media Coalition, Inc., a Los Angeles-based festival.

Debate in Honolulu

HONOLULU - The State House Judiciary Committee is debating two of the more controversial issues of our times: euthanasia and same-sex marriages. The topics will be the subjects of statewide hearings.

While no specific legislation is planned on either issue, the committee is attempting to gather as much information as possible.

The same-sex marriage issue comes in the wake of a state Supreme Court decision to overturn a lower court ruling denying a marriage license to two gay men. The state must now explain why it has to prohibit same-sex marriages. The public is being encouraged to comment on the issues.

From School Board to Senate

SAN FRANCISCO - Assemblymember Gwen Moore (D-L.A.) will take part in an intensive political skills training "boot camp" for women organized by the San Francisco chapter of the National Organization for Women Education Fund on Sept. 18.

The all-day workshops, "Paths to Power: A Women's Primer on Political Careers," will offer three training tracks: for women "rookies" interested in finding campaign jobs, for women interested in running for office, and for women interested in developing a career in campaign management. A job fair and exhibitions from political and activist organizations will be included in the day's activities.

For more info, call Tricia at (415) 861-8880.

Even Though J. Edgar Wore a Dress

WICHITA - The former director of the CIA, Robert Gates, doesn't believe gay men should be allowed to serve in the Boy Scouts; this dispite the fact that former sister organization director J. Edgar Hoover wore a dress.

"Values central to scouting are under challenge

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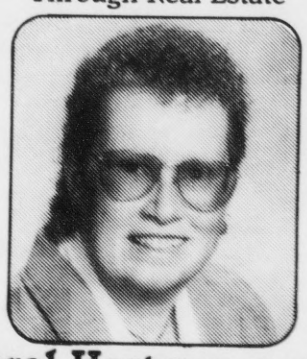

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today as never before," he told the Downtown Rotary Club recently. "Challenges to our belief in God, challenges from Americans who are gay."

Continued the Bush appointee, "Scouting must teach tolerance and respect for the dignity and worth of every individual person, certainly including gays. But scouting also has a responsibility to the young adolescent in its charge."

During his tenure at the CIA, Gates implemented a nondiscrimination policy based on sexual orientation. Is this a case of speaking out of both sides of the mouth, so common in politicians?

Banned in Austin?

AUSTIN - We've all heard of "banned in Boston," but now some folks are talking about what to ban in this Texas city after a cabl TV program aired footage of gay sex acts. The City Council is set to discuss the issue at an upcoming meeting.

Says one councilmember, Rodney Reynolds, who was obviously offended by the "infosex" program: "I saw about 45 seconds of that tape, and that was about all I could stand."

Among the suggestions for action: place all potentially "offensive" programming on one cable channel. Says Reynolds, "This could allow parents to more easily monitor what their children can watch. We certainly don't want to infringe on anybody's First Amendment rights to freedom of speech. But I think we need to do something."

Bits & Pieces I: Local

• The Shanti Project will recognize major contributions in the fight against AIDS by individuals and organizations at its fifth annual "Making Every Day Count" dinner on Oct. 7 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Francisco. For info, call (415) 777-2273.

• The Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project will be training facilitators and group leaders for workshops/rap groups on Sept. 14 and 17. The trainings will be held in the evenings, with food and drinks provided. If you are Asian or Pacific Islander and interested in attending, please call Prescott or Bruce at (415) 575-3939 for more info. Meanwhile, the Project has announced the resignation of its director John Silva and the appointment of Steve Lew to replace him.

• The California Legislature called on the White House and Congress to end federal prohibitions against marijuana's medical use. Senate Joint Resolution 8, sponsored by Majority Leader Henry Mello, passed the Legislature on Aug. 26.

• The SF AIDS Foundation has launched a celebratory public service announcement featuring the music of rapper Marky Mark and urging that viewers use condoms and get tested for HIV. Titled "New Vibrations," it's slated to play on TV stations, cable and in movie theaters nationwide.

• Disability rights advocates protested Jerry Lewis' Labor Day telethon because, they say, the star and the Muscular Dystrophy Association continue to perpetuate bigoted stereotypes of people with disabilities as helpless, hopeless and worthwhile only if cured. They want Lewis to be history, more consumer control of the Association and more adult services. Stay tuned.

A press conference of lesbian and gay groups was held on Aug. 27 at City Hall to urge the formation of an African American Advisory Committee to the HRC. Photo by Rink

• Mobilization Against AIDS has moved its offices to 584-A Castro, between 18th and 19th. Its phone number is still (415) 863-4676.

• The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention announced recently that four program directors of HIV services for gay men of color were hired over the course of the summer. They include: Ernest Andrews, Carl Yoshimoto, Tony Glover and Randy Miller.

• The Gay and Lesbian Almanac Project seeks the unique, the obscure, the humorous. It is also interested in people who have special knowledge of queer history, institutions and folklore. Contact GLAP, Box 460909, San Francisco, CA 94146, (415) 647-1804.

• On Sept. 11, 18 and 19, Shanti Project's Crossings Program will train new volunteers to provide assistance to people living with AIDS in San Francisco's Tenderloin and Mission neighborhoods. For more info, call Barbara Linn at (415) 777-2273 or Iris Diaz at (415) 575-3720.

• ViRx, Inc., a private clinical trials center, is now recruiting for a Phase I trial of THF-y 2 (thymic humoral factor gamma 2). HIV-infected individuals who have CD4 cell counts between 100-500 and are taking AZT are sought. For more info, call (415) 474-2233.

• Consumers of HIV services are encouraged to testify before the Mayor's HIV Health Services Council regarding gaps in service and the best means for filling them. Written testimony may be submitted. Forms are available from the AIDS Office, 25 Van Ness, 5th Floor. For more info, call (415) 554-9549.

• A woman who was accused of beheading her lover has been let go after a judge in Vallejo, Calif., ruled that her videotaped confession was coerced. Police say they will continue to in-

Hands dipped in paraffin, Nester Nunez (l) and lover Bryan McKay wait for the wax to dry as they immortalize their love with a Rainbow wax sculpture at the SF County Fair. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

vestigate the case involving Roseann Peterson and her dead girlfriend, Laura Venable. Friends and family have also sworn to keep the case open.

Bits & Pieces II: National

• The City of New Orleans (immortalized by the Arlo Guthrie song of the same name) has just registered its first domestic partnership under a new law allowing such unmarried couples. They are gay newspaper publisher Rip Naquin and restaurant cook Martin Greeson.

• There's talk in the media around the Big Apple that ex-San Francisco school chief Ray Cortines, who has just become the New York School Board head honcho, is gay. Herb Caen of the *SF Chronicle* has this advice, "Grow up, New York."

• The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has announced the resignation of Executive Director Torie Osborne. Meanwhile, they've added a new public information director. He's David M. Smith, who served in a similar capacity for the Campaign for Military Service. He's also a former director of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

• Citizen lobbyists from more than ten states are expected in Washington, D.C. Sept. 12-14 to advocate increased funding for AIDS-related programming, educate legislators about the particular health-care reform needs of people living with AIDS, and call for greater federal dedication to ending the AIDS epidemic. Sponsors include the AIDS Action Council, American Foundation for AIDS Research, Human Rights Campaign Fund and Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization. For more info, call (202) 986-1300.

• They're not "dissing the Almighty," they say, but just making the Bible accessible to Blacks. The "they" are the publishers of the new Black Bible Chronicles (African American Family Press), which translates that book into Black slang. Sample verse from Leviticus: "It was a bad thing to do the wild thing without the blessing from the Almighty. You had to be hitched." The Bible's due out in December, in time for Xmas. No word on its translation of the infamous sections on queers.

• The U.S. Department of State has added sexual orientation to its non-discrimination policy, according to Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies, an employee group. The new policy appears in the 1993 announcement of the annual Foreign Service Officer Examination. Says longtime gay activist Franklin E. Kameny, "We welcome this apparent change in policy and look forward to its official announcement by the State Department."

• The Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus is spearheading a coalition of community groups calling on Mayor Bruce Todd and the Austin City Council to implement a domestic partnership registry for the city of Austin and domestic partnership benefits for city employees. The coalition is also working on the inclusion of domestic partners on city employees' health insurance policies and in bereavement leave.

• Empire State Pride Agenda, the leading political and legislative advocate for New York's lesbian/gay/bisexual community, is planning its second annual awards dinner, Pride in Progress, on Sept. 30 at the Puck Building in Soho, 295 Lafayette St., at 6 pm. For info, call (212) 673-5417.

• During the recent biennial assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, held in Kansas City, more than 500 church leaders made public their support for the ecclesiastical recognition of loving committed relationships among lesbian and gay people and for the ordination of qualified women and men as pastors and church professionals, regardless of sexual orientation. The church decided not to vote on a resolution on human sexuality, tabling it until 1995. But it did reaffirm its stance against racism.

• Sarah Goodfriend, an out lesbian, has been appointed to the Public Utility Commission in Austin. Says Laurie Eiserloh, director of the

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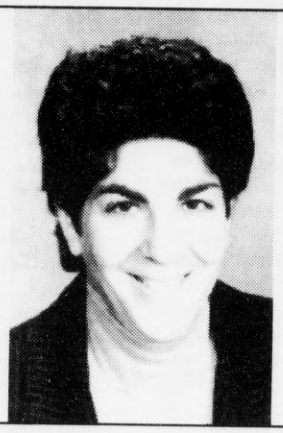

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Culture Clash Creates Confederacy

There is a war going on in America. It is not just political or socio-economic. The war to which I refer is the cultural war—the turf of the literati, the artists, the writers, the shapers and molders of our icons and our dreams. Who defines white and Black culture? Is there a gay culture? Is it important that culture be defined by those living the culture? Are we losing our identity? Some would say Africans did when they came to America. But some of that culture has survived and seen them through. We have returned to an era in which the presentation of cultural concepts is egregious to the people or the culture portrayed. For example, *Negrophobia* (St. Martin's Press, NYC) is beyond bad taste; this is the reason why white folks get drug out of trucks in L.A. and beaten.

We had our fill of Al Jolson, minstrel shows and the white superiority complex. People of color were only portrayed as savages or servants. Their culture was "funny." I recall the hanging of a portrait of the late ex-mayor of Chicago, Harold Washington, in lingerie at the Chicago Art Institute; the salacious photos of then Miss America, Vanessa Williams; a white biographer who examined Tina Turner's hair and announced she had discovered a thick, kinky undergrowth beneath a wig. These are cultural transgressions which conflict with a Black cultural standard of respect and deference which most Blacks hold dear.

Cultural transgressions, if not defamatory, seek out and glorify stereotypical, exotic or pathological portrayals; they debunk or defuse the stature of those regarded as great in the name of great art. Art appreciation may be at the subject's expense. Mapplethorpe's "Man in Polyester Suit" comes to mind. When art and freedom of expression is derisive, it may well celebrate one's artistic freedom while restricting another's wholeness or humanity.

WHITE CULTURE IS A HYBRID

Back in 1939, the Daughters of the American Revolution refused to allow Marian Anderson to sing at Constitution Hall. Eleanor Roosevelt was so incensed she resigned from the DAR and helped arrange for Anderson to sing on Easter Sunday for over 75,000 people on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Forays into European culture have been encouraged by activists and pioneers like Anderson, Roland Hayes, Paul Robeson and their multicultural supporters. These pioneers cleared the road less traveled for contemporary Black divas Leontyne, Jessie, Grace and Phyllis. They each bring a richness of tonal quality, a regal command, a difference the world so desperately needs to see.

Music insiders thought Ray Charles was crazy when he announced he was going to record country and western—then he won his Grammys. Thanks to pioneers like Nat King Cole, international artists like Eartha Kitt, Josephine Baker, Shirley Bassey, Diahann Carroll and Johnny Mathis established a base across the American cultural line. Likewise, writers like James Baldwin, August Wilson, Alice Walker, Richard Wright, Gwendolyn Brooks, Maya Angelou and Toni Morrison have all crossed the race line and made big tracks on the bestseller list.

My point is, whites have progressed from suspicion and exclusion of all non-Aryan cultures to an avid interest in nonwhite culture. Indeed, if it were not for white aficionados, African-American art forms like jazz and blues could have suffered obscurity. Because of commercial success, there has been a renaissance which otherwise would not have taken place. Curiously, the segregation of Black culture from white society practiced more aggressively in earlier years seems to have fueled cultural fusion.

People want what is taboo or forbidden. Often the demand for cultural difference exceeds social dictate, and is instrumental in bringing about political reversal. Cultural fusion was a mitigating factor in bringing about civil rights. While rock 'n' roll was finding its way into white homes "corrupting the youth of America," Pat Boone tried to cover Ray Charles, and Elvis Presley tried to steal every lick he could from Little Richard and Sam Cooke. But, as Aretha sang: "Ain't Nothin' Like the Real Thing."

White America's fascination with other cultures has continued to be unstoppable. Because there was a mainstream economic demand, race records, race films and the chitterling circuit came to an end. Slowly and painfully, a demand has developed for everything from r&b, rock 'n' roll, to rap. Black musicians, writers and performers have done as much to construct positive awareness and win appreciation of difference in the minds of white America as any political or economic pressure could claim to have accomplished.

BLACK STORYTELLING, SILENCE AND THE REAL NITTY-GRITTY

The descendants of Africans everywhere display certain gifts from their cultural heritage. Perhaps the oppression, perhaps the commonalities we see in a shrinking world stimulate feelings of racial identity. Some do not identify with their Blackness. Some have been made ashamed of their heritage and want nothing to do with Africa. Some Blacks have become so immersed in searching for historical glory and cultural significance, they have become isolated from all other humanitarian responsibility.

Blacks have been taxed beyond their measure.

Sharing and recognizing different cultures: Guests at Thom Bean's salon listen to Sydney Brinkley. Shown (l-r): Michael Foo, Blackberri, Jeffrey Lilly and John Teamer. Photo by Rink

Political, social, economic and spiritual contributions aside, the only way some Blacks can conceive of the magnitude of their contribution to America is to deny the pain it has cost them and move on. But the anger and anguish for our ancestors and our perpetual subordination lives within us and does not go away. It is buried in the bone. The truth is we are all affected by our history and its ongoing legacy. Many whites must get over expecting to hear what they want to hear; searching for either a defense or an analysis of Black behavior; having to be in charge of everything. Culture is a two-way bridge that may ameliorate many ills.

Some Blacks resent attempts by non-Blacks to legitimize just one artist, one leader, one spokesperson when there are so many choices; they resent attempts to define their agenda for them. Some see the gay rights issue as another distraction from their struggle against racism. Black people tend not to discuss homosexuality. There is an awareness of gay identity and accomplishment within and outside of the community. But some Blacks who prefer sexual partners of the same sex don't buy into the gay identity. They feel it is white nomenclature that applies to those living in and identifying with the predominately white gay community.

Because these messages come from more than one community, the messengers must be able to understand more than one story. Some will relate to one community, but not another. That does not mean that the messengers or those in the story are not Black enough or white enough or gay enough and that the stories are not worthy of hearing. Individuals don't have to be culturally validated in order to be themselves. Some Blacks are in denial about gay-related issues.

Their silence has not served those within the community or those who dwell without. Issues around sexual orientation are viewed as contentious, and Black Christian responses are very deeply embedded in questionable spiritual values (introduced by missionaries and slavemasters). Just as some whites tend to remain silent to prevent seeming racist, some Blacks remain silent to avoid seeming homophobic, or of condoning the oppression of another group. And some, like Reverend Lumpkin, don't realize when silence is golden.

HARD, GAY LESSONS TO LEARN

A straight friend of mine remarked, "You don't think your relationships are the same (as significant) as marriage between a man and a woman do you?" Sustaining our cultural venues is one way of preventing that kind of conversation from taking place. This person is a social worker who contracted HIV during an operation. She has met many gays during her life—friends who obviously have failed her if she had to ask me this question.

The subject was ex-lovers—hers and mine. Not ours. Why should her relationship with her ex-husband forever have more intrinsic social, political, economic, legal and tax value than my relationship with my ex-husband? What "greater value" must any love relationship have to be sanctioned and recognized? Gays have failed to convey to friends and to society that our significant others are as sacred, as laudable as heterosexual marriages. Sometimes we are too unconditionally accepting of those who would judge us as falling short of some Judeo-Christian norm of human decency. And some gays are self-hating.

There is no question as to the gay community's contribution to society. But how our significance, not just our contribution, is perceived will in part be based upon the legacy of culture we create and keep alive. k. d. lang talked about creating her own culture while growing up in Canada. Many who are creative and/or sexual outcasts were left to find their own way. There may be something to be said for those who see their difference as an opportunity to be creative. Perhaps that is what happened with many of our greatest writers, artist, and entertainers. Perhaps there was no other way to process what they were feeling culturally and creatively.

FOCUSING ON FUSION

Why should gay people subsidize government programs giving incentives to straights and nuclear families; pay more taxes than nuclear families do when they do not advocate for us and our orientation, when they oppress us through their dogma and theology? When they bash us, kill us, fire us, deny our human rights because we are gay? The answers are not just political. This is grist for cultural mills in our community, if we choose to build them.

Some time ago, I went to a GAWK meeting at A Different Light Bookstore, a place where I have read my work. Nobody at GAWK recognized me. That is no doubt because there are so many published Black gay writers in San Francisco and in their organization that my presence was not noteworthy. Shortly thereafter, I decided to host a salon, a space in which different cultures could be recognized and share their truths. A space in which both men and women could share their talents with each other. Some well-known creative people have participated, and the salons have been fun. One person I used to know actually committed the faux pas of declining my invitation. And of course the people who say they will be there and don't show up certainly have a valid excuse—if they are dead.

The gay community has no permanent allies. Not even its leaders. Ideologies and institutions differ from community to community. Gay culture must sustain its humanitarian presence and integrity in a world that doesn't want to hear it, get it or see it. Black culture is speaking more universally than Black leadership. The white mainstream is more in a mood to listen. Cultural fusion eliminates some differences and enriches the participants.

Institutions like Josie's Cabaret are important in that they give young gay artists a place to develop their craft. But many clubs like these around the country are going out of business. Cultural fusion could be the gay community's coup de grace. A synthesis of African, European and other cultural traditions that work well together puts a model in the mind's eye. Who knows who will benefit? Maybe *When Inseparable Cultures Come Around* (WICCA) could be yet another name for BWMT. ✿

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straight talk! by nan parks

Hi folks! My husband Doug and I were in the City the other night having dinner with Carol and her friend Peter (who's gay), and we got to talking about "Straight Talk"—which Peter says he absolutely LOVES, but which Carol doesn't appreciate—obviously since it's the only place where I get the last word!! (just kidding Carol), and we were talking about whether the differences between gays and straights were deep deep down, or really on the surface in some ways, and we all went around the table (this is after a few glasses of wine I must admit) and each of us had to think of something that made us feel happy—whether it was a small thing or a big thing, it didn't matter in the game. So, being a "columnist" (I guess I'm starting to think of myself that way!), I took a few notes on my napkin in case anything came up that might interest you the readers, and I thought some of our different answers were revealing. Here goes! (Readers, you too can play the game as well—write to the *SF Bay Times* about a couple of things that make YOU happy and we'll compare.)

Nan: The smell of fresh clean sheets and towels which have been hung out to dry in the sunshine (this was a small thing, but I had to go first!). Carol: Lying on the beach at about four pm in the summertime with a casual dinner party with good friends ahead for the evening (we all agreed this sounded nice). Doug: The flight home from a successful business trip when you can take off your tie and jacket and have a few drinks and not have to go to work the next morning even though it's Wednesday (none of us could relate to this, we thought it should go into the category of RELIEF rather than HAPPINESS, although Doug argued both emotions were similar). Peter: Finding an Armani suit that fits you perfectly and has never been worn at a used clothing store... having them trade it for the Armani that doesn't fit you anymore that you've worn a hundred times and everyone has seen you in. (Peter is NEVER serious!) So then we went around again, but this time we said it had to be something that would make you happy in the future, i.e., something that had never happened to you but that you really WANTED to have happen (and according to the rules of the game it had to be something that COULD happen—you weren't allowed to say "peace on earth" or "Nan elected president of the United States," etc.), so I said that some day I wanted to walk down the Champs Elysee on an April night in Paris in a silk evening dress on Doug's arm with the breeze blowing gently and the sound of accordions somewhere in the distance playing, "La Vie en Rose," on our way to sip a glass of champagne at a cafe and go dancing all night. (And of course Peter commented that the Champs Elysee consists of trashy movie theaters, several large institutional bank offices and a one-block drugstore, not to mention the Burger King, and that it is often very chilly on an April night

in Paris and finally that no one else would be walking around in silk evening gowns but dreamy American tourists so I have to say that put a damper on my fantasy—which I've had for a long time in the back of my mind but which I guess I can't think about anymore—thanks, Peter!). So then Carol skipped her turn because she was still thinking, and Doug said that someday he wanted to make a fantasy come true for me that was just as special as the (now wrecked) Paris fantasy, and everyone raised a glass to such a sweet thing to say and we all agreed Doug was the best husband in the world (which is TRUE—I'm a lucky gal in that respect). So then we went back to Carol, who said she would like there to come a day when she could walk into the Safeway near our house in San Rafael hand-in-hand with her girlfriend (which she doesn't have, so assume she's in a relationship too according to her fantasy, and actually that in theory should be more important than the Safeway trip), and not have anyone stare at her or think anything was out of the ordinary or feel uncomfortable in any way, and then Peter, who is Black, said he would simply like to walk into the San Rafael Safeway BY HIMSELF and buy a "f#★•ing head of lettuce" without being stared at or made to feel uncomfortable, so that sort of made us all remember how much farther we have to go in this country so we sort of fell silent and lost our "game" spirit.

Anyway, before the game, we had been discussing whether everyone's hopes and dreams were similar underneath everything else, whether you're gay or straight, because, for example, I read in the *SF Bay Times* personals section that a lot of you gals and guys are looking for someone special in your lives to share movies, dinners, walking on the beach (that's on the girls' side mainly, I find), and maybe more! That certainly doesn't sound too different from the things my straight girlfriends and I were looking for before we got married, and Doug too if he would admit it. Aren't we all looking for love, success in our own way of defining it, self-respect, friends, security (in the good sense of the word, not the boring sense of it)? So Carol said maybe we were looking for similar things but a number of those things are very difficult for gays to find because of society, and I said maybe they were tougher for gays to find but they were tough things for anyone to put together in their lives, and Carol said that the essential difficulty of life was NOT an excuse for making life ten times harder for gay people (which was NOT what I was trying to say). So Doug said he wondered if those "deep" things I said we are ALL looking for weren't superficial themselves if put into a larger context, and he went on and on and wasn't really making himself clear although I think I know what he meant even though I can't really capture it here, and Peter said all he needed from life was a good hair day once a week and a small trust fund, but as usual he wasn't being serious.

So in the end we all sort of decided that deep deep deep down—like on the level Doug was talking about—we might all be alike, but that it sort of didn't matter since we all have to live our lives on the level where we're not all alike even if it IS more on the surface than the alike part, and further, the very top surface, like in the Safeway, FORCES us to live our lives very differently even if we are alike in some ways. And just as I was trying to work this out aloud at the table, Peter (who I had forgotten until that minute was HIV-positive and here I was talking about life, hopes, dreams, etc. How Tactless!) leaned over and said, "Nan, honey, life isn't for us to figure out, so don't worry too much about it." And I was going to say something but he still seemed in a really good mood so I just hoped I hadn't been offensive and I guess he's right about life anyway. ✿

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aids treatment news by john s. james

Over seven years ago, DNCB, a potential treatment for AIDS, burst on the scene. At that time the "guerrilla clinics" that dispensed DNCB were a national news story, and probably hundreds—perhaps thousands—of people with HIV tried the treatment. Later, almost everyone abandoned it; for years there seemed to have been no more than a few dozen people (and perhaps fewer) using it anywhere for HIV or related conditions.

But during the period of early enthusiasm there were commendable efforts to get DNCB studied scientifically. These efforts were frustrated by the all-too-familiar obstacles and delays which have impeded everything that has happened in AIDS treatment development. But despite the obstacles, and after much hard work, a small, limited study did get off the ground. Recently, years later, its results were published.

While scientists see this data as preliminary and suggestive at best, the published paper has provided a focus for a handful of activists, mostly in San Francisco, to promote DNCB with relentless enthusiasm, often suggesting that people stop other treatments which their physicians have recommended. Because of the gloom about treatment prevailing at this time, and because the DNCB advocates have media access and skills, and because few have put forward opposing views, these advocates are influencing the treatment decisions of an increasing number of people. Healing Alternatives Foundation (the San Francisco AIDS buyers' club) reports selling 55 DNCB starter kits a week, both directly and through mail order; some other groups also distribute DNCB, but we do not know how much.

The following article is based on hundreds of pages of documentation, interviews with 15 users of DNCB, and additional interviews with researchers, activists, and physicians. AIDS writer Dave Gilden started with no preconceived conclusion about whether or not DNCB is useful. He finished with no final answer, but with a strong impression of how thin the evidence is.

DNCB Treatment Today

by Dave Gilden

Since DNCB came to prominence several years ago, public interest had largely disappeared, but now it is on the rise again. One man, who works in the office of a physician specializing in HIV and had just obtained the substance for his lover, commented, "My lover's helper T-cells are down to seven. What we have right now has helped but isn't going anywhere. We have used everything out there, and we need more drugs."

Because interest is now high in the community, and DNCB has a number of enthusiasts who promote it, ATN undertook an extensive investigation to examine the existing evidence that it might or might not be beneficial. We started with an open mind and used several different approaches, interviewing researchers, practicing physicians, and people with HIV. Despite the reams of documentation issued by DNCB's supporters, in the end we could find little to substantiate this chemical's effect on HIV.

But anecdotal reports of long-term stabilization in people using DNCB, especially in combination with other treatments, mean that this approach cannot be dismissed out of hand. And even if DNCB turns out to be ineffective in most people, it may point the way to other, more broadly beneficial compounds with similar modes of action.

SOME HISTORY

DNCB is a very powerful stimulator of a skin immune response known as delayed-type hypersensitivity. When dissolved in acetone and painted on a small area of the skin, it causes a rash that peaks a day or so after application. After penetrating the skin, DNCB combines with cell surface molecules, causing an immune response as if foreign cells were present. Virtually everyone with an intact immune system eventually can be sensitized to DNCB after repeated applications, and so can most people with AIDS. People react to DNCB in a very similar manner as they do to poison oak.

Delayed-hypersensitivity reactions involve the branch of the immune system known as cell-mediated immunity. Certain white blood cells called cytotoxic lymphocytes (as well as activated macrophages) are the main kind of cells which produce this response. (Cytotoxic lymphocytes are among the cells with CD8 receptors on their surface, as distinguished from T-helper cells, which have CD4 receptors.) For the purposes of this article, there is no reason to go too deeply into the theory behind DNCB. Suffice it to say that it is used in hopes of increasing the body's systemic cell-mediated immune defense against HIV.

DNCB's use as an AIDS treatment was first proposed by L. Bruce Mills, M.D., a dermatologist and researcher who learned of its use for treating certain warts in children while working at Stanford. Treating just a small patch of skin could cause the warts to disappear all over the body—clearly by provoking a systemic immune response, not only the local rash caused by DNCB in the area being treated. Dr. Mills published his experience treating 26 people with AIDS or ARC in 1986. Ensuing articles in the gay press helped spread the news. But after months of publicity and widespread use of DNCB, community interest almost disappeared for several years.

THE REVIVAL, THE DATA, THE DOUBTS

Interest in DNCB has revived this spring, largely due to the efforts of journalist Charles Caulfield; his articles in the San Francisco *Sentinel* and his presentations around the country described an apparent reversal in his disease progression after using DNCB since July 1992. Caulfield reports that his T-helper cell count continued to decline (after he started DNCB), then went back up within months from a low 140 to 490; and, correspondingly, his absolute CD8 count went from 400 to 1190 during the same period. Clinical symptoms, such as thrush and diarrhea, disappeared. Caulfield had been taking oral acemannan (an aloe vera plant extract that is a purported immune stimulant), which he credited with keeping him disease-free for years, after seven major opportunistic illnesses five to ten years ago. For the first six months on DNCB, Caulfield also self-administered injectable acemannan; we will discuss combination therapies below.

Although Caulfield has been quoted as saying that DNCB (plus acemannan) has virtually eliminated his AIDS, in an interview with us he confined himself to terming DNCB "a permanent general prophylaxis."

Most of Caulfield's documentation of his personal success with DNCB comes from a lymph node removal performed last February, as part of the well-known series of biopsies to investigate HIV pathogenesis at NIH's Laboratory of Immunoregulation. Our examination of those biopsy results, which Caulfield has distributed, indicates a picture that is not so optimistic. It is clear that the lymph node architecture is seriously eroded, as is typical of people with lengthy HIV infection, and there continues to be a large number of HIV-infected cells in the nodes and bloodstream. On the other hand, the lymph nodes retain their ability to trap considerable amounts of HIV particles with their follicular dendritic cells, even though these cells no longer exist in an organized tissue. Cells that take part in cell-mediated immunity also still exist in large numbers, but their capacity to mount a response to foreign protein is diminished. At our press time, Caulfield had returned to the NIH for a second biopsy, which should give an indication of the trend in his disease process— whether he is improving, worsening or stable. It will also indicate how representative the first lymph node was.

The NIH has also examined lymph nodes from two other DNCB users. Results are not yet available for the second of these biopsies, but the first reveals a picture similar to Caulfield's, although better. Immune cell counts were higher and HIV levels lower. Once again, a large number of follicular dendritic cells remained, although the structure of the node was considerably degenerated.

This result came from one of the founders of the DNCB "guerrilla clinic" movement in the 1980s, who is once again active in distributing the chemical. He told us that his T-helper cell count had fallen to 70 three years ago. He then resumed using DNCB after a hiatus of several years during which he was on AZT. At the time of the lymph node biopsy his T-helper cell count was up to 779. "They told me at the NIH that this is the closest thing to a cure they've seen," he happily related.

Dr. Fauci mentioned DNCB as a treatment strategy worth investigating at this June's Inter-

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national Conference on AIDS in Berlin. We talked on the telephone with him to get a better sense of his interest in DNCB as well as his appraisal of his lab's results so far. Dr. Fauci stated that he understood he was being misquoted in the community. Fauci, who also oversees AIDS research for the entire NIH, told ATN, "We did lymph node biopsies on people without immune modulation, and now we want to study patients who are taking immune stimulants. DNCB is one among many such substances. One of our patients was on DNCB and said it turned him around. He told us about other people taking it, so now we're looking at them. When people have a positive experience, it makes a drug interesting, although such experiences happen with many drugs that ultimately don't pan out."

On the subject of the lymph nodes, Fauci, as well as Giuseppe Pantaleo, M.D., another major figure at the Laboratory of Immunoregulation, were adamant that you cannot tell anything, good or bad, from one or two lymph node biopsies. Said Fauci about the results of the two biopsies, "I can't comment until I have a firm scientific finding, which may take another 10 to 30 biopsies, depending on the magnitude of DNCB's effect. But I want to make it clear that I'm not damning DNCB, nor am I endorsing it."

NEW DATA

More new data on DNCB was published this spring by Raphael Stricker, M.D., and colleagues. The first was a report on a 20-person "pilot study" sponsored by the California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC), Project Inform, and the Elizabeth Reed Taylor Foundation. One of the report's co-authors is William Epstein, M.D., an expert on contact dermatitis who has worked with DNCB since the 1950s. Dr. Epstein advised the study investigators on safe, proper application of the chemical.

Almost two years ago Dr. Epstein told this writer, "I can't say whether DNCB is having any effect in AIDS. If so, it's not an obvious effect." Now he thinks, "The study results look interesting. It looks like there is some value, and we know DNCB won't make the disease worse. But it is very hard to show an immune modulator's benefit. We need to follow up with many more subjects and more time."

ATN at this point has contacted five of the paper's co-authors. Strangely, only Stricker and Epstein wished to associate themselves with the results; two of the others refused to comment on the record at all. Dobri Kiprov, M.D., a co-author and Dr. Stricker's superior at CPMC told us, "I personally feel that the results do not justify any excitement or further work. The study was published against my judgment." (Project Inform, a principal sponsor of the study, states that it was not given the opportunity to review the data prior to publication.)

A glance at the data shows good reason for doubt. Although 20 people started the trial, two do not appear in the published data for unstated reasons. Another two volunteers dropped out. Other than the fact that volunteers had not been diagnosed with AIDS, and had T-helper cell counts of from 100 to 500 (average: 347), no information is presented as to the study participants' health. There is no control population for comparison. Average values for "pre-DNCB" and "post-DNCB" data were presented for the 16 continuing participants, who were observed for a period of three to 20 months. Since the two averages are calculated from measurements taken at greatly different points in treatment, they are even harder to interpret than usual.

In any case, there was no noticeable increase in CD4 (T-helper) cells. While there was a modest 20 percent average gain in CD8 counts, none of that increase occurred among cytotoxic lymphocytes, which remained stable. (There was, though, no indication that DNCB negatively affected anyone's counts.)

In the words of one statistician, "You're down to the anecdotal level here. Unless there was a dramatic difference, you probably need more people to achieve anything that has real significance."

As Dr. Epstein pointed out, trials of immune modulators for treating HIV/AIDS are notoriously hard to evaluate. Measuring subpopulations of immune system cells is difficult because the tests are inaccurate. And even if you can get accurate counts, their meaning is hard to analyze because they tell little about functional improvement in the immune system. Is any of the new activity aimed against HIV?

Dr. Stricker tried to resolve this issue by using a new test, known as quantitative PCR, to measure how HIV levels in the blood changed after DNCB treatment began. Unfortunately, the company doing the testing, which was using its own private version of quantitative PCR, pulled out of the project after analyzing only a few early samples from just 11 of the volunteers, including the two dropouts. The paucity in the PCR data was not mentioned in the published article.

The company involved, HRI Research of Concord, Calif., would not even let its name be associated with the data. When contacted, an official of the company refused to comment on the reasons for this rupture, except to say that the company had other, more pressing work to do and

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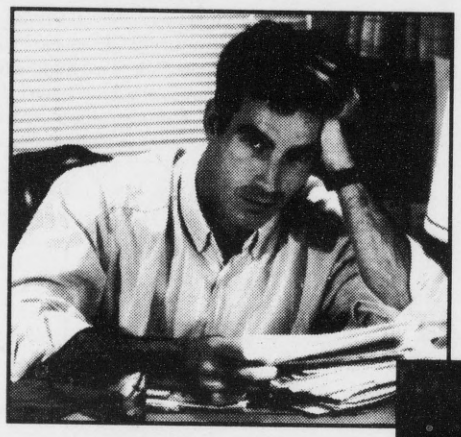

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that the DNCB situation had become intensely "political."

Quantitative PCR data right now is still more controversial than cell subset measurements. There is first of all the question of whether the test is accurate; even if it is, the reason for fluctuations in viral load is hard to understand. And even if you tested many subjects many times, it is not clear how much of a change in viral load is needed to make a difference in symptoms.

On the surface, the published PCR data looked at least promising: The overall average viral load decreased by 38 percent among the nine in the study who both continued on DNCB and had blood samples tested. But because of all the questions surrounding these figures, ATN obtained the charts for all the individual study participants in whom virus load was measured by PCR. It turns out that the figures for two people, whose initial PCR results showed exceptionally high blood levels of HIV, seriously skewed the published overall averages. These two were only evaluated once by PCR after the original, pre-treatment measurement. The only post-treatment measurements were carried out on samples taken just two months after the original ones, and the results were two- and four-fold less than the first time around. Without more data points to establish a trend, the reasons for these two larger drops can only be speculated. The observed declines could merely reflect faulty test results, or something else in the volunteers' lives besides DNCB. Whatever the reason for the two anomalous cases, eliminating them from the DNCB data seriously weakens the quantitative PCR results.

Dr. Stricker admits the study data is weak. "We have lots of frozen samples waiting for PCR testing," he lamented. "This was just a pilot study with no controls, but the data looks good, especially when you compare the compliant and noncompliant participants. DNCB is an attempt to boost the immune system to control HIV. It is a very crude technique, but it is the only thing we have."

In a poster at the Berlin AIDS Conference, Dr. Stricker presented "follow-up" data on 24 volunteers (some of them apparently new people) involved in the DNCB trial. The average length of observation is longer, but the results are similar to the original paper. So are the problems. This time there is no quantitative PCR data to sort out. On the other hand, seven "noncompliant" subjects, really those who chose to drop out of the study, were sorted out and contrasted with the volunteers continuing with DNCB.

The problem here is the classic one of self-selection. Those who happen to do worse tend to quit a therapy, while those who are doing better, for whatever reason, tend to continue. One indicative sign is that the "noncompliants" started the trial with considerably fewer cytotoxic lymphocytes than the continuing participants. Considering the noncompliants apart from the compliants is not a fair way to judge a therapy's efficacy. (Note that the published abstract of the poster presentation—the poster was presented at the Berlin conference, but has not yet been published—does not separate the compliant and noncompliant. It shows that the average CD4 count dropped from 353 to 251—hardly a positive result for DNCB.)

MORE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Billi Goldberg, a San Francisco DNCB treatment activist who assisted in analyzing the trial results, replies to criticisms of Dr. Stricker's study by saying, "We ran the trial on a shoestring and we got published. I just want to know whether people on DNCB lived, and I let other people argue about trials."

Dr. Stricker himself says, "The study participants are all doing very well after three years. [Actually, the average follow up time at this point is only about 18 months, Stricker later conceded.] The poster at Berlin received a lot of attention from NIH scientists like Fauci and Pantaleo, as well as from Jonas Salk. I would like to continue the study for five years." Unfortunately, Dr. Stricker and CPMC recently came to a parting of ways, reportedly at least partly due to the DNCB trial, and the study is in limbo. Be that as it may, Stricker continues, "I know 30 people around the country who have used DNCB for up to seven years and are doing very well. Some of them were diagnosed with AIDS four years ago."

To be fair, other groups also have had trouble demonstrating the efficacy of their proposed immune modulators. Given the lack of any accepted way of proving such substances, perhaps, for the present, we can only look at personal experiences with DNCB to see how individuals are faring on the treatment. If some people feel DNCB has helped them, then DNCB may be promising for at least a certain subgroup.

Indeed, Dr. Stricker followed this method last spring, in a brief article which presented a table on "clinical and laboratory features of ten long-time DNCB users." Six of the ten became infected with HIV in 1984 and 1985, and three in 1982; one was reportedly infected in 1979. (Several of these dates were established by testing frozen blood samples.) The ten started on DNCB between 1986 and 1989.

Using DNCB or not, there are a large number of people who survive HIV, even with an AIDS diagnosis. This writer has met dozens of people who have been stable for three years or more with low T-helper cell counts, and hardly any are on DNCB. As for statistics, Susan Buchbinder, M.D., who is chief of research at the AIDS Office of the San Francisco Health Department, reports that in an HIV-positive group she is following (the SF Clinic Cohort), 8 percent of the members have lived for ten years or more with HIV while retaining normal or near normal T-helper counts. And only half the group members experience an AIDS-defining illness in their first decade with HIV.

With this in mind, the table presented by Dr. Stricker shows a group of remarkable but not exceptional people. Seven of the ten have low T-helper (CD4) counts, ranging from 30 to 350. For nine of the ten, CD8 counts were within the usual range for people with HIV (1,000 or somewhat above except in late-stage disease.) Of the three stellar performers, one is listed as also taking isoprinosine and another is on compound Q.

But one table showing undated post-DNCB immune cell counts does not say much one way or the other. Perhaps these people experienced dramatic improvements in their health after starting DNCB. Maybe their physical condition is much better than their helper-T cell numbers indicate. Because of these lingering questions, ATN interviewed 15 people currently using DNCB. Eight have been applying the substance for six months or less, but seven were long-time users of up to seven years. At least four of these seven were among the ten included in Dr. Stricker's published note.

Since these were committed users by and large, it was to be expected that negative impressions would be few. Typical of these people's sentiments was the statement of one man: "The further I go from Western medicine, the better I feel." Several people mentioned how empowering the weekly act of applying DNCB was. A common comment was that DNCB increased energy levels. Also, many people felt that their symptoms cleared up faster after starting DNCB, especially those involving the skin, mouth and vagina.

The most frequent negative effect was scarring and persistent rashes from the DNCB application. One person said he has constant welts on all the recent patches of skin where he painted DNCB. This person further suspected that DNCB was making him "hyperallergic" to other things as well, such as chlorinated pools and antibiotics, both of which now give him hive-like rashes, although they never did before.

This person, who was using DNCB for six months until he recently stopped, also saw his CD4 and CD8 cell counts, low to begin with, drop by 60 percent. Most of the newer users haven't yet seen much change in blood counts, except for one man whose CD8 count went up from 700 to 1100.

The longtime DNCB users we contacted claimed they were able to minimize DNCB rashes by learning the concentration and amount to apply that produced only a small, temporary red spot.

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Other than that, their reports were mixed. Four of the seven have gone for years without severe symptoms, but one is now seriously ill with cryptosporidium, and in another, blood counts are dropping. A fifth man came down with lymphoma in 1990 while on DNCB, but is generally healthy now. He believes an improved method of applying DNCB has helped to preserve his health since this episode. However, he also had a course of chemotherapy and then was treated with acupuncture for three years. He also takes megadoses of various vitamins.

This use of multiple treatment strategies is typical. Only four of those interviewed (two short-time and two long-time users) are at present on an exclusive DNCB regimen. Chinese herbs are popular among this group, as are antioxidants (such as NAC, beta carotene, and vitamin C), megavitamins, and coenzyme Q. In addition, many are taking co-trimoxazole (Bactrim, Septra) to prevent pneumocystis pneumonia, plus a variety of antibiotics to treat lesser infections.

One person who has adopted a multifaceted approach is longtime DNCB user Thomas Avena. He said, "When I work with my health, my cell counts go up. I confront my level of fear, meditate, take walks, and concentrate on my diet. Meditation is work, but it gives me tremendous benefit. Every illness I have seems activated by frustration and stress."

Larry Janssen, who started DNCB last winter, commented, "I'm saying that DNCB is part of the portfolio of options, it's not the answer. Everybody wants to be told what to do, but you have to figure out what works for you." This seemed to us to be as succinct a summary of our interviewees' experience as anything we could say.

DNCB IN REAL LIFE

Talk of combination therapies bothers Billi Goldberg, a retired civil engineer who at the moment is the main popular theorist of DNCB. (Several of the DNCB users we interviewed said that they were convinced to start on the chemical because they were impressed by the writings of Goldberg on the science behind DNCB.) Goldberg has based a case for DNCB on the work of Drs. Mario Clerici and Gene Shearer at the National Cancer Institute and others on the "Th1-Th2 switch"—a possible suppression of cell-mediated immunity— as an indicator progression to AIDS. They argue that the decline in cell-mediated immunity, orchestrated by the Th1 subset of T-helper cells, results from an increase in antibody production, which is governed by the activity of Th2 T-helper cells. These two T-helper cell subsets tend to suppress each other, and a predominantly Th2 defense against HIV seems less effective than a predominantly Th1, cell-mediated response.

According to Goldberg, "DNCB is not the answer, but a step in the right direction. It will boost cell-mediated immunity and control intracellular infections, which are most AIDS opportunistic infections. The people it works best in are those who get off all drugs except PCP prophylaxis. They must be treated for the other diseases should they appear. People who are asymptomatic and get off herbs, which increase antibodies, and high-dose vitamin C, which suppresses lymphocyte proliferation, do well." Although DNCB is supposed to counter the immune-suppressing effects of HIV and help control opportunistic infections, Goldberg thinks that most major medications used in AIDS have white blood cell toxicity that can interfere with DNCB's effect—either by impeding the cell-mediated immune response directly or by promoting the Th2 immune mode that discourages cell-mediated immunity. The only exception, in his view, is temporary use of acemannan as a complementary salvage therapy in people whose absolute CD8 counts have fallen below 400. (Isoprinosine is another possibility.) DNCB, meanwhile, is to be taken for life.

There is mounting evidence from long-term survivor studies, and elsewhere, that some kind of cell-mediated immunity is crucial to maintaining health during HIV infection. But nearly everybody with HIV (including people with high CD8 counts) also produces anti-HIV antibodies—that is why they test positive on the HIV blood test. Shearer and Clerici are not nearly as rigid on the subject as Goldberg. Dr. Shearer explained over the telephone, "All we're certain about is that cell-mediated immunity is important. It's possible to have both cell-mediated and antibody immunity in HIV. The distinctions are fuzzy. The question is how to optimize the immune balance, and we don't know how to extrapolate from our experiments with in vitro cell clones."

One of the pioneers of lymph node studies in HIV is Cecil Fox, Ph.D., who is president of Molecular Histology Laboratories. Dr. Fox is collaborating with the NIH team in the current lymph node study.

Dr. Fox told ATN, "People who think they are going to meet the challenges of this disease with one drug are fooling themselves. This is a multifactorial disease going on for a decade or two of a human's life. One drug is not going to be effective for all that time. In the future there will be an HIV treatment armamentarium. Different treatment combinations for different phases will be appropriate, with therapy changing from year to year depending on the person's needs." Fox predicted that an effective regimen would be available within the next several years. He did not exclude DNCB as a possible candidate for his "armamentarium."

A PHYSICIAN'S EXPERIENCE

The physician today with probably the broadest ongoing experience with DNCB is David Payne, D.O., of Mesa, Ariz. Dr. Payne started recommending DNCB a year ago and now has 150 HIV patients on it. Echoing Dr. Fox, Dr. Payne is trying DNCB as part of a combination of medications that evolves according to disease stage. Among the other treatments Dr. Payne suggests are hypericin and curcumin as antivirals, and blood root (sanguinaria), which may work as an immune stimulant. Some of his patients also are taking nucleoside analogs such as AZT.

About DNCB, Dr. Payne observes, "The feeling I have is that it stabilizes patients a lot and increases the effectiveness of other things. I have seen some improvements, but I certainly have seen patients whose illness has continued to progress. But judging by DNCB's effect on warts and molluscum contagiosum [both viral infections of the skin], something is happening. After a few months on DNCB, these clear up dramatically. For molluscum, we had tried everything under the sun in some patients without success."

Dr. Payne is careful about the danger of long-lasting welts from DNCB, which, he says, can last for weeks if you are not careful about the amount you apply. Payne says, "You have to fiddle around with the dose. I tell my patients to check every few hours after applying and wash off the spot if blistering occurs."

Another, more conservative, physician with a few patients on DNCB was not so sure that harmful eruptions can be prevented. He says, "I see people getting horrible welts. One had them all over his body. He had a separate itchy rash, perhaps indicating DNCB triggered a hyperactivity to something else."

PLANS FOR TRIALS

As Dr. Payne noted, it is difficult to separate out DNCB's effect from other elements of a combined regimen. But if it is to be used with any assurance, it has to be tested in the ways it is used in real life, where the chemical will interact with countless physical and chemical factors. One attempt to do this is shaping up in Portland, Ore., where Bruce Bradley, a volunteer at the Institute for Traditional Medicine and Preventive Health Care, is working with Mark Loveless, M.D., of Oregon Health Sciences University, to develop a year-long trial of DNCB.

The 60 participants will come from ITM's Wellness Program, which administers herbs and acupuncture to people with HIV. ITM's clients also take a variety of popular treatments, such as antioxidants, on their own. They will not be expected to give up any of these during the trial, although an attempt will be made to standardize dosages. Thirty people will start on DNCB at the beginning of the trial, and 30 people six months later, to provide a means for assessing DNCB's influence within the context of the other treatments.

Only the investigators will not know who are in early and late groups. "Blinding" the researchers will help ensure an objective evaluation of the data, most of which will be collected during normal clinic visits.

In addition, Dr. Fauci's lab plans to perform lymph node biopsies on members of the early- and delayed-DNCB groups, as part of its continuing study of node deterioration on HIV/AIDS. Ten or more biopsies will be performed at the start of the DNCB trial to provide baseline data, and at six months to document disease progression in the people on DNCB and in those not applying it. The final results probably will not be ready for two years.

In San Francisco and San Diego, small community groups are collecting data on DNCB plus acemannan in a more informal, observational basis. Another trial is slowly taking shape in Toronto. Plans are to involve 150 people recruited through the Community Research Initiative of Toronto.

Until there is some solid information on effectiveness, people should know that, reports of DNCB's enthusiasts aside, there is little to indicate who might benefit from DNCB and under what circumstances. The treatment is cheap and appears largely safe, at least if used under expert supervision, but you take it at your own risk. It would be foolhardy to give up other treatments and put all your hopes in this one.

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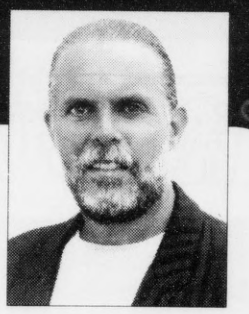

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Letters...

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well-armed Nazis became the "law." I can't ignore the increasing racism, anti-immigrant sentiment, anti-Semitism, misogyny, homophobia, and their corresponding violence and vandalism in this country. Fueling this atmosphere is the veiled bigotry evident in popularity-seeking statements by elected officials and attitudes of "my country right or wrong."

I consider myself anti-war and pro-negotiation. In an ideal world, I would call myself a pacifist. However, I strongly support the right of self-defense in a society whose fabric has become deeply violent. It is in this world that I refuse to entrust my safety to someone else. (Who?)

I am committed to working toward real change and equal justice in our disintegrating society/economy. I find the unified "liberal/progressive" effort to deny un-uniformed people the right to self-defense, myopic at best and dangerous at worst. I will fight anyone, right, middle or left, who attempts to take that freedom away.

E.D.
San Francisco

Not My Bakery Anymore

The following letter was sent to Dr. Yusef Bey, Black Muslim Bakery, Oakland:

For a very long time now I have been coming into your bakery every Sunday to buy my weekly supply (three packages) of sweet rolls. They are truly delicious, and one of my only remaining "addictions." (I long ago stopped drinking, am an adamant vegetarian, and have never smoked, drunk soft drinks or eaten junk food.)

A recent article in the *SF Bay Times* ("News Briefs," Aug. 26) alerted me to comments you made about Gays and Lesbians during a June talk show. As a Lesbian, a radical feminist, a political progressive, and a longtime activist for peace and social justice for all people, I was horrified, appalled, angered and saddened by your ignorance. I feel quite betrayed!

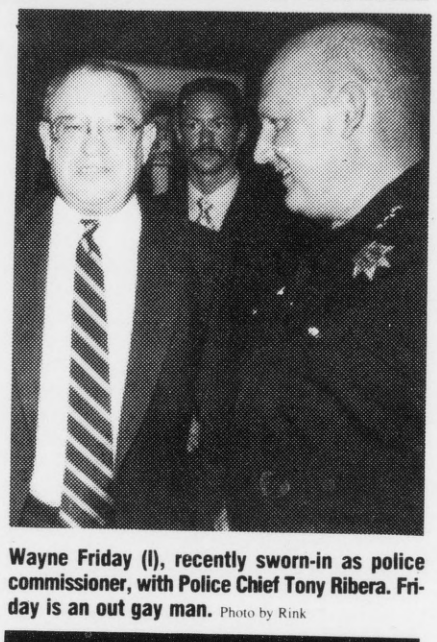
You are wrong about Lesbianism. How dare you presume I should be straight! It is my life and it is a beautiful and worthwhile thing. I will not allow anyone to tell me that something so uplifting, so instrumental and important in making me who I am, is bad. *That* is the "filth." That kind of hate-filled talk is absolutely wrong. You should re-think these opinions. Try love and understanding; work for unity. Talk to others with viewpoints different from yours.

LGADDA members (l-r) Alonso Reese, Donald Tarver and Randy Miller at the Aug. 28 Mobilization Rally For Jobs, Peace and Justice held in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the 1963 civil rights march on Washington.

What if people still bought into the myth that African-American people are inferior, are "filth," don't deserve respect and equality as human beings? Where would the civil rights movement be today? As a highly regarded community leader, you have a great responsibility to be an example to those in your church and in your neighborhood. Preaching homophobia, women-hating and gay-bashing anywhere—whether before your congregation or before a TV audience—is irresponsible and cannot be condoned. I believe that intolerance is wrong, that violence in deed or word cannot and must not be permitted.

I will sorely miss my daily sticky buns, but I will not support a business that deals so openly in hatred and homophobia, whose leader and whose principles preach loathing of the very person I am. In addition, I will tell as many people as I can that they, too, should boycott the bakery until your philosophy changes to advocate and promote harmony and understanding. I will also, by sending copies of this letter to Buffalo Foods, Rainbow Grocery, GNC and SF Real Foods (I buy from all these places), let them know I support them if they choose to discontinue selling your bakery's products. In fact, I will encourage them to discontinue selling the bakery's products. It is not "my" Black Muslim Bakery any longer.

Gail de Rita
San Francisco



Wayne Friday (l), recently sworn-in as police commissioner, with Police Chief Tony Ribera. Friday is an out gay man. Photo by Rink

Do the Right Thing

Just when we thought it was safe to read the *SF Bay Times!* I can't believe that Nan Parks is in our paper. It would be shocking enough to find her in the *Chronicle* (if not for the homophobic content, then for her inability to construct a sentence!). When I read her first column I knew it was a joke crafted by some gay/lesbian writer with a warped sense of humor—two columns later, I am *not* laughing. If she's as ignorant about the issues raised by African Americans as she is about lesbians/gays I don't think *Ebony* would be courting her for her invaluable insight into their struggle for equality. Even if they were as stupid as the *SF Bay Times* to do it, they'd let her go after the first "you people."

Let someone with something meaningful and thought-provoking to say have her space—or leave it empty. Just do the right thing—please.

Heidi Rukin
San Francisco

The Barbie Perspective?

I just had to write and thank you for Nan Parks!

I have not laughed so hard in a long, long time. You have to keep her!! Otherwise I'll keep forgetting why Palo Alto exists.

Thank you for reminding me how far we still have to go.

Love ya. Love your 'zine.

J.D.

P.S. You should rename her column "The Barbie Perspective." It just works so well.

Bore Me

Straight talk! Who asked? You have got to be joking—a boring straight woman processing her straight guilt in a gay/lesbian publication. How about a column written by a lesbian, since that seems to always be lacking in the *SF Bay Times*. Please don't waste one of the only community forums to exchange ideas with the random thoughts of this straight girl. I don't care if Nan's entire family is gay, she isn't and this is a gay/lesbian publication.

Happy trails, Nan.

Lara Michelle
San Francisco

Boldness

I think Nan Park's column "Straight Talk" is great! A novel idea.

I'd like to see her column in the *Examiner!*

I think there is a bit of reality to her conversations with her sister. The conversations point out that there are still many differences that need to be heard and addressed in order for a greater understanding to emerge.

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Name withheld by request
San Francisco

Clueless & Dangerous

Re: "Straight Talk." Adjectives like "inane," "vapid" and "insipid" come to mind when I read this recent columnist, and I think I'm being quite gentle in my choice of words. Surely "patronizing" has also been earned, and "meandering babbling of an airhead."

"Clueless" also comes to mind as evidenced by her assessment of the military ban. Half a loaf would be wonderful. But we got zippo; in fact we took two steps backward. To be blunt, our Prez got mauled and rolled over, mostly due to his own ineptness. Nan Parks has to be utterly clueless and out of touch with reality to think that gay folks won half of anything.

To make matters worse, she's dangerous to you and me. This vacuous person gets to vote, just like the rest of us. And she now has a widespread publication through which she can validate others with the same bumper-sticker mentality.

Bromide-by-homily, pat them on the head and tell them to wait; the future will be better. Surely she must realize that it is not her half a loaf, so where the hell does she come from to suggest that "you folks" be patient with it?

P.S. What odds are you giving that her word processor monitor has white-out on it?

Donald S. Ricart
Mill Valley

Post-Modern Suburban Mind?

Nan Parks? Tell me this is a joke, a failed attempt at satire, some wacked-out queer's idea of the post-modern suburban mind. Tell me *anything* that will explain this inane drivel. But, please, please, please *don't* tell me there will be another column of "Straight Talk!"

If the person pictured really *is* Nan Parks and if she really *writes* this shit, she is at once the dumbest & bravest little snot in the Western Hemisphere. How can she risk being recognized? Is that a pen or a crayon she's holding? Has she managed to decorate her sweater with mindless scribblings, too—or is that just bad taste?

Replace her with any 12-year-old boy and we'll all be better off.

Disgusted Dyke

Love Ya', Nan

Do queers have no sense of humor? Do queers not understand satire?

Would readers react differently if Nan Parks were male? (After all, there have been straight men on several covers of "Boy Times" without a single letter of protest.)

Nan, love ya' babe (mean it sincerely). Don't give in. (Fight the good fight.)

Sarah (Big S.)
San Francisco

Watching Nan's Gears Turn

Really, I'm generally a very forgiving sort, but I just finished reading the most recent "Straight Talk" column. What can I say? I'm all for an open dialogue between the straight and gay communities, but there *must* be some minimal standard, if not in writing style, at least in content.

Nan Parks, bless her heart, has good intentions, and I applaud her for her attempts to understand a reality different from her own. However, must *we*, your readership, be subjected to the torture of watching the gears turn in her mind, ever so slowly, column after column?

Others have noted this, but I'll reiterate: Any lesbian or gay man could approximate the depth of Nan Park's analysis of gay/straight issues by simply overhearing any five-minute conversation on Muni. Your readers deserve a higher quality of writing. Please, stop the madness!

David A. Diaz
San Francisco

What? Why? How?

Your paper gave a well-publicized explanation when you changed logos, yet you seem to think it unimportant to explain to your queer readers what/why/how a straight writer is doing in our paper!

I want (and feel we deserve) an explanation (and so do a dozen of my friends). You can't just sneak her in the back door as you have and have no one notice.

Terry Kekaha
Berkeley

Reinforcing Prejudices

I have been reading your paper for a while and thoroughly enjoy it. However, Nan Parks' column, "Straight Talk," is beginning to really bother me. For one thing, I get the distinct impression from her column that she is not comfortable writing to a gay audience. Admittedly, she touts the fact that her sister is gay. That's great. I am glad she has accepted her sister's sexuality. Unfortunately, she does not seem to be able to move beyond the theme of "I know gay people and they are all right."

Listen, there are a lot of important issues that affect both the hetero and gay populations, and a column like "Straight Talk" can be used to address these issues. One issue that has affected me personally is gay-bashing. Now, I am a hetero male, but there was a period of time when I was growing up when I looked very effeminate. The doctor said it was a hormone imbalance; but a lot of males around me, including my father, decided I was gay.

I got the hell beat out of me more times than I care to remember simply because I did not fit the macho-stud he-male paradigm that was considered appropriate in my community, and the fact that I am sexually attracted to women was totally ignored.

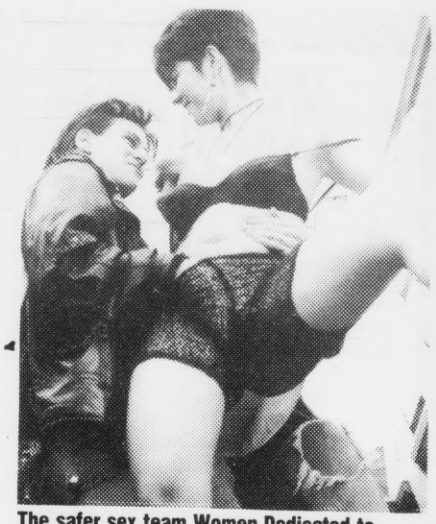
All things consideed, the gay and hetero populations have a lot more in common than some people think. We both can be victims of intolerance. We both are often forced into stereotyped sexual roles that have little to do with our true personalities. We all have to be very careful to overcome prejudice. Unfortunately, it seems to me that Ms. Parks' column reinforces certain prejudices that the gay community may have toward "straights." Not all of us have that condescending, "I know gay people and they're all right" attitude; and I would like the gay readers of this paper to know that.

Charles Kimbrell
Berkeley

Shrieking With Laughter

Dear Nan,

As a gay man who has lived in San Francisco for nearly 20 years I have to tell you how much I just love your column. Don't let the detractors stymie your enthusiasm to write and express yourself. As a writer myself, I know that what some may think is "bad writing," others think of as a "very unique personal style." I think yours is the latter. I urge you to keep yearning and striving and spilling your guts in a public forum, as you have shown you can do so well.



The safer sex team Women Dedicated to Demolishing Denial performed at a benefit to send women's health activists Laura and Darlene Whitey to Uganda for the 7th Int'l Women's Health Conference. Photo by Jane Cleland

As to your subject matter, I *am* getting a little bored hearing about Carol all the time, since she is apparently a dead ringer for my own lesbian sister in Cleveland, famous for her own deathly seriousness, lack of humor and practically non-existent sense of personal style. (Her equally serious lover of many years frowns on having me in the house because I had the misfortune of being born with protuberant genitalia—if you get my meaning—which I think is just plain outright sex discrimination, but what can I do? They've been together for 20 years and own property.)

I know so few straight people myself and I really appreciate getting your perspective and hearing of your entertaining straight friends. Sometimes I just forget that there are lots of straight people out there, and it's always refreshing to hear what they may be thinking. You are a window between our separate

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realities, so you must not underestimate the importance of your good work in helping us all to love and accept each other like everybody says they want to do but don't really most of the time.

I love your column so much that if you were an illegal alien I would marry you to keep you in America (but since you are not, I will settle for just being a true fan). Perhaps when you feel like it, you can turn your unique perspective on this "baby" thing going around the lesbian and gay community. So many lesbians have gone out and gotten babies, and now I see that even gay guys are getting babies, too, and I don't get it. It's all I can do to keep track of my kitty, who is selfish, fat, demanding, devious and obviously ungrateful for the lush life I have provided him after taking him in out of the gutter and saving his life. I, at least, know that he was adopted, and I can't really be held responsible for his behavior, lacking a genetic link as we do (whatever made me think of that?). (Well, I guess your writing always provokes some kind of strange thinking on my part, so I shouldn't be surprised, should I?)

Anyway, Nan, in spite of our obviously different lifestyles and perspectives, I feel like I can relate to you much better than I can to most straight people, and I thank the *SF Bay Times* for giving your unique perspective the "space" to link our two worlds together and try to get closer and learn to love each other the way we would want to if we could. Keep trying to write!

Mark A. Hetts
San Francisco

P.S. Sometimes you make me shriek with laughter, and this is a good thing, I think, because, after all, life really is *quite serious*.

Three Is Enough

Regarding "Straight Talk!," I certainly hope you intend this column as satire as that's the way I read it as I fall to the floor laughing. While I'm reasonably sure Ms. Parks means well, the poor woman hasn't a clue. She seems to rely heavily on her sister as her source on the "gay lifestyle." I suggest she "broaden her horizons" (to coin a phrase) and speak to others active within the community if she really wants to know what being gay is like. Unfortunately after reading her published output so far I don't see this as something she wants to pursue. I'm afraid she seems more concerned with fashion as that subject always seems to come up in her writing.

In closing I'd like to say it's time for her to retire. Three columns is more than plenty. It would give her more time to spend doing things she really seems to like to do: shopping, lunching with friends and championing gay rights in the straight world. While, unlike Ms. Parks, I would never claim to speak for anyone other than myself, I think it would be safe to say that she would not be missed.

Ed Guillen
San Francisco

The Mobilization Against AIDS moves to 584B Castro: (center) new executive director Michael Shriver.

Here for Carol

I just read through the second set of letters on "Straight Talk!" and it's still the usual shit: "Why is she in *my* paper?" or "*I* don't like her writing."

Don't they all ring just a bit selfish? There is no mention of the real victim in all of this...

Carol, we're here for you, honey. I promise... this will pass. Either Nan will get bored or Louise Rafkin will want her column space back. Something. We've all got family and we know what you're going through. Finally, we're sure your fashion sense is just fine. (It's bad enough having ex-lovers... no one should have to endure being *compared* to one in the open media!)

Seriously, if just one of my family members was half as open to thoughts and ideas about gay life as Nan Parks, I would consider myself lucky. Nevertheless, no one can overlook the fact that Nan can't write. Ms. Corsaro, I hold you responsible. It's your paper. If you feel it's important to publish her, have the decency to do some tough editing. You are letting her look foolish and that isn't very nice.

Jane L. White
San Francisco

Garbage!

Re: "Straight Talk!" by Nan Parks. Take away her quotation marks, brackets, parentheses and endless punctuation marks, and what do you have left to read? Garbage.

Until Ms. Parks is removed from your newspaper's staff as a person representative of the alleged straight community, I will never bring the *SF Bay Times* into this house. "Us people" don't like to be called "you people."

To Ms. Parks: Sell your typewriter and get a life!
Michael T. Roper
San Francisco

Nan Parks Responds:

Hi folks! Well, a lot of you letter writers are awfully tough on me—but as I tell my boys (age seven and ten), be a Good Sport and you'll enjoy the Game (of life) a lot more! That's my philosophy! Doug particularly liked the ODD BRAIN scramble of Don Baird, who he thinks is an excellent writer (actually, I'm sure Mr. Baird is a very nice person but I find his columns a little too seamy for my taste).

But the letters are the least of my problems with "Straight Talk!" since someone (I don't know who) sent a copy of the last issue to my friend Joan who is now furious with my other friend Andrea (who I wrote called Joan a bitch and who isn't speaking to me either!), and to make matters worse, Joan's husband, Larry, who works with Doug, went out and got the other two issues and showed them to Lois and Ted (who I said weren't getting along—but I never thought they'd see it! And plus it's true!).

At least Lois found it all very funny, so I know I have one friend left out there, but then Carol called me up to inform me that all her friends realize I'm her sister since I described Carol's ex-lover Gail, and Carol has to make excuses for me every day now and is "humiliated" by the whole thing! But as Doug says I've just got to keep writing it as I see it and not take myself, or others, too seriously, so on we go!

Love,
Nan

Access to Nutrition

As you may know, Congress will soon be acting upon legislation (S784 and HR1709) which will greatly affect a consumer's access to certain amino acids, nutritional products, vitamins and herbs. I have had AIDS for nearly ten years now and fully believe that I would not be writing this letter without access to the abovementioned products. As you may also know, the FDA is ready to ban many of these products or will make them much more difficult to obtain. For example, certain amino acids will be available only with a doctor's prescription.

The FDA currently has ample authority to make sure that American consumers are not harmed by these products. Their proposed actions would make it difficult and/or impossible for people with AIDS to survive.

S784, sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), would ensure that people like me would continue to have the freedom to choose our health remedies.

Some of the items I have been taking for the past ten years include vitamins A, B-12, C and E, minerals such as selenium and zinc, an amino acid known as NAC (N-Acetyl Cysteine), various Chinese and domestic herbs, garlic, spirulina, chlorella, co-enzyme Q-10, etc.

As you can obviously see, many of these items have been in use by health-minded people for thousands of years. Of course, unlike a synthesized chemical such as AZT, none of these items can be exclusively patented by one company. And since many recent studies have shown that AZT has toxic side effects, more and more people with AIDS are healing themselves via improved diets and nutritional products.

And of course, people with AIDS will not be the only ones affected. Surely you know someone who takes vitamins or some of the other products I have mentioned. Imagine if you were suddenly unable to have access to nutritional products that you had been taking for nearly ten years.

I hope you will urge your senators and representatives to support S784 and HR1709.

John Pingree
Oakland

Mockery of "Compromise"

The following letter was sent to President Bill Clinton:

Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) has made a mockery of the "compromise" policy to which you and military brass had agreed with reference to the ban on les-

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SF City/County Commission on the Status of Women held a ceremony honoring "10 Outstanding Women"at City Hall rotunda on Aug. 26. Shown: Annette Williams, manager of Muni's accessible services program. photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

bian and gay service members. His amendments have overturned the few supportive aspects in the policy you announced in July. Among the changes are:

• Don't ask. The Nunn amendment allows the Secretary of Defense to reinstate questioning when "necessary."

• Fair enforcement of the military code. Clinton policy saying military laws—including the sodomy law—should be enforced equally among heterosexual and homosexual service members was eliminated in the Nunn amendment.

• No witch hunts. The Nunn amendment states, "The presence in the armed forces of persons who *demonstrate a propensity or intent* to engage in homosexual acts would create an unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline and unit cohesion that are the essence of military capability." Clinton policy spoke only of actual conduct.

Lorraine Voles, a White House spokesperson, confirmed that you find the Nunn amendment acceptable, that the legislation is consistent with your policy and you don't have a problem with it.

At a press conference with Georgia journalists in the White House on July 27, you have been quoted that your policy "differs from what I said in the campaign in only one respect: You still can't openly declare your homosexuality without some fear of being severed from the service. If you do that, the burden is then on you to demonstrate that you're not going to violate the code of conduct."

Mr. President, can't you see that what you are now advocating is reinforcing the military ban on lesbians and gays? The "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy was bad enough. The Nunn amendment is a complete reversal of the Clinton policy.

Will lesbians and gay men in the military be better off with the current Clinton/Nunn policy? No. As lesbian activists for almost 40 years, we were willing to go along with the first compromise as a first step, however small. No more witch hunts was the bottom line for us. But your acceptance of the Nunn version spells complete betrayal.

We are sure that you know, as we all knew before the release of the Rand report (at a cost of $1.3 million), that there is no justification for the discriminatory military policy. We support Rep. Lynn Woolsey's legislation to reduce the Department of Defense budget by the amount it spends each year to discharge lesbian and gay servicemembers. Those millions of dollars spent to dismiss lesbians and gays during the so-called moratorium from January to July 15 could better have been used to reduce the deficit.

Del Martin & Phyllis Lyon
San Francisco

Ban Plus

When Congress reconvenes on Tuesday, Sept. 7, it will very quickly vote to codify a congressional version of the Clinton "Lie and Hide" policy for lesbian, gay and bisexual military personnel. The version of the policy Congress will vote on would seriously worsen the Clinton policy. As homophobic California Rep. Bob Dornan said, Congress' version is not an anti-gay ban, "It's a ban plus." For example, it would weaken the "don't ask" provision of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." It would also eliminate all provisions for equal enforcement of military codes of conduct for heterosexual and homosexual violations, thereby encouraging a vicious double standard of enforcement to continue. For these reasons, we do not want Congress to pass its own version of the military's lesbian and gay policy. I hope *SF Bay Times'* readers will write or call both of their senators and their representatives in Congress. Tell them that you want them to vote against codification of any version of the anti-gay military ban.

Tim McFeeley
Executive Director, Human Rights Campaign Fund
Washington, DC

Garage Sale for Political Prisoners

Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention (LAGAI) and Out of Control: Lesbian Committee to Support Women Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (OOC) held a very successful garage sale in the Castro in July to raise money for our Commissary Fund for women political prisoners and POWs. Out of this fund we send two different women $50 every month. This is the third year we've raised money with a garage sale and we wanted to thank everyone who donated things, bought things or helped us raise over $1,400 this year.

Newly elected LGADDA co-chairs Byron McQuarters (l) and Gwenn Craig. Photo by Rink

Among other activities, LAGAI and OOC also put out newsletters (*OUT!* and *Out of Time*) every two to three months, mailed to a total of 900 people. Since our Commissary Fund garage sales have been so successful, we decided to have one to benefit the newsletters; i.e., money for copying and for stamps. The garage sale will be Oct. 2, at 133 Collingwood, and *we need donations.* For the pick-up or delivery of good junk, please call 647-0158. Please come see us on Oct. 2; we'll have copies of our newsletters available free and lots of interesting things to buy.

Julie Starobin
San Francisco

Southern Baptist Homophobia

Now that the gay and lesbian community has recognized that it is right-wing Christian fundamentalists who are responsible for the vast majority of homophobia, we need to get specific and see which group within the large Christian fundamentalist smorgasbord of denominations is the worst. The answer is easily reached and is clear to see: the Southern Baptist Convention. Now, let's be careful here and identify those Baptist churches that are associated with the "Southern Baptist Convention." Dolores Street Baptist was a member of the Southern Baptist Convention until the Southern Baptist Convention said that Dolores Street Baptist could not help gays.

The Southern Baptist Convention was formed shortly before the War Between the States to preserve slavery.

The Southern Baptist (and even more conservative "independent" Baptist) list includes: Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Pat Buchanan, Cal Thomas, Lou Sheldon, Randall Terry, Charles Stanley and several of those preachers I had to endure while growing up in the First Baptist Church of Anytown, Mississippi. Perhaps they could be encouraged to change their affiliation to the American Baptist Churches. The American Baptists are a little more tolerant.

The above selected group of heterosexual, homophobic male chauvinist pigs, who will not allow females into their pulpits, refer to "moral and philosophical" beliefs. If they were able to be honest, they would be saying "religious" beliefs.

I feel sorrow and sympathy for the child—girl or boy—born with an unexpected and unwelcomed sexual orientation into a "traditional" fundamentalist family. Child abuse is not strong enough a term. The teenage years of these children must be dreadful. And what about the suicide rate? The Southern Baptists have consistently blocked government studies into gay teen suicide. The Southern Baptists are rich and organized.

In addition, the Southern Baptists, and many other kinds of fundamentalists, preach that anyone who questions the validity of the Bible or of Jesus Christ himself, is a spokesperson for Satan.

There is only one response: All theology is mythology.

There is, however, an even more menacing problem the gay community faces: divisiveness within. While fundamentalists have many theological/mythological disagreements among their various groups, they have formed a united front on the issue of homosexuality. They don't like gays. The gay community has, in its selfish shortsightedness, split into several different camps—just what the "baptists" would want. The conservative point of view wins unless the gay community unites in a solid front to combat them.

United we stand, divided we fall.

Jay Martin
President, Humanist Community of San Francisco

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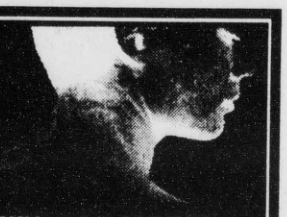

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BY JACK FERTIG

Uranus Squared

This September should be lots of fun with Jupiter square to Neptune and Uranus from Sept. 6-25. Jupiter is the planet of expansion and opportunity, so it usually signals good luck, but square to those two planets it will mean opportunities coming in wild, weird and wondrous ways. With Leather Pride Week hard upon us, this "weirdness" can easily take the form of wonderful new kinks and adventures. But do be careful! Jupiter square Neptune invites chemical abuse and otherwise losing track of your limits. Imagination, innovation and fantasy play are cranked way up, so it pays to stay sharp!

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Somebody thinks you can do no wrong, but don't you start believing it. It's nice to enjoy the encouragement of others, but if you start taking it too seriously, you're bound to clash with authority. You've been having enough of that kind of trouble lately (and there's more to come!) so this can be a good time to look at how you deal with your (pardon the expression) superiors. How do you relate to people in power? How can you be more effective in advancing yourself and your causes? Your partner can give you a lot of good insight if you can quietly, graciously accept the constructive criticism.

TAURUS: Your health has been generally pretty good these days and you are likely to continue to be well for the most part. Generally. Through these next few weeks, however, you may have a bit of liver trouble or an odd allergic development. Also be especially good to your kidneys and pancreas. It doesn't look serious, but could be mildly problematic. Weird bits of confusion are likely to come up at work. These can easily prove to be blessings in disguise, but don't get cocky. Over-confidence will just make things worse. Humble, quiet faith in a higher power works especially well for you right now.

GEMINI: Creative games, including sexuality, can be very helpful right now in resolving problems or confusion vis-a-vis grieving, death or other profound life-and-death issues all the way down to simple (or not so simple) metaphysical questions. Once you start playing, you will find your enthusiasm growing and opening venues you would normally never have considered. You can easily get in much deeper than you'd intended, even feeling as if you'd bitten off more than you can chew. Not to worry. This is a time for startling jolts and revelations. You may get a good scare or three, but all should work out well.

CANCER: These days the stars bode generally well for domestic bliss, but right now you're in for some weirdness. Through the next few weeks you may find what appears to be your dream house. If you sign any contracts now, it will become a nightmare. This is a good time to examine that dream more closely, consider it for the near future, and reconsider it then, say after Sept. 27. Domestic issues are easily confused now with your roommate, but that doesn't look like a real problem. You may feel like you've wandered into a series of outtakes from the Burns and Allen Show. With a good sense of humor or a philosophical mindset you may actually be grateful for your misadventures. At least you'll be able to look back and laugh. Say "goodnight," Gracie!

LEO: Your recent loquacity is generally bringing you good fortune, but for now it's likely to make a small bit of trouble. Actually, what's happening is that your right brain is increasing in activity, making you more psychic, poetic, mystical, allegorical and magical. This is a wonderful time for any spiritual or artistic pursuit, and especially for learning techniques of meditation, ritual or art. On the other hand, your logic and math are currently impaired. In any debate you're likely to go off on tangents. Avoid arguments. They'll just make you look and feel like you're way out in the twilight zone. Instead, smile sweetly and say, "Well, that's an interesting way to look at it."

VIRGO: You're enjoying a wonderful stretch of good financial luck, but that can now lead you into dangerous investments. Your hunches and instincts might, just might, lead you into something good, but don't count on it. This is a foolish time for any kind of gambling or investments, but you may be one of the lucky few with good supporting aspects. If you toss a few very surplus dollars into a lottery or a fun weekend at Tahoe, you will either lose everything you take or be one of the remarkably lucky few. These next couple of weeks are better for exploring artistic, aesthetic and spiritual values, learning to appreciate more deeply the mystical joys that your sign reputedly shuns. (But we know better!) *Happy Birthday: Rondo Mieczkowski, Jenne Blade and Kim Corsaro!*

LIBRA: You've been enjoying a spell of wonderful good luck which will now tend to center around your home life and family. Trouble is that the blessings are likely to come in a very roundabout way. As an illustrative example—you may come to realize that one of your parents is an alcoholic, or that you were sexually abused as an infant. This in turn would open up a whole new perspective and the information would prove very liberating. Ghastly secrets are also likely to come up in any pending real estate deals. This is a great time to discover problems, but don't sign anything until after Sept. 27.

SCORPIO: The little voices are getting very talkative these days. You probably don't want to do what they tell you, but they can prove very informative. This is an excellent time for meditation and other quiet times alone that allow you to focus in on the inner self and get in touch with long-neglected aspects of yourself, old memories and ancient problems looking for resolution. Long walks, dream journals and extemporaneous writing are extremely helpful right now. Be careful around others, though! You're all too likely to speak out and say things that you would really rather leave unsaid.

SAGITTARIUS: Your friends are flocking around you and this can be a wonderful time to marshal political support for any venture you have in mind. But all this bonhomie can cost you plenty! Folks doing you favors and singing your praises will probably want something in return. Although you are naturally generous, this can be a good time to hold back on your innate openhandedness and see who your friends really are. Of course, if you are pushing something political, you may need to put out a few quid for the pro quo. Watch out for hidden expenses! Secrets and surprises are in your house of finances, ready to pop up with rude revelations. Disturbing perhaps, but new awareness will help you improve the situation.

CAPRICORN: These days you're getting noticed for every little thing. For the most part this wave of attention is serving you well, but right now you're going to get credit (or blame) for something you either have nothing to do with, or for something you'd rather not have noticed. The aspects are weird, but for the most part very good. With a sense of humor and a bit of improvisation you should get through this scandal very nicely. It can very likely enhance your reputation in the end, but will probably cause some embarrassment in the meantime. As long as you can laugh, you're in good shape.

AQUARIUS: This is a wonderful time to take a voyage through the deeper recesses of your soul. Two very different things await in the murk of your inner self: (1) Old emotional baggage you can jettison very nicely these days; and (2) profound spiritual revelations. Work on either and the one will help the other. This is a good time to visit a church or synagogue, preferably in the religion of your childhood. You and it have changed a great deal since you've been away. I don't necessarily recommend regular attendance; just visit and see what comes up for you. It will be an education more about yourself than about the religion.

PISCES: The planets are planning a party in your pants. The aspects could hardly be better for erotic adventure. If you and your lover are being monogamous, fret not. A little bit of reading, or tips from some of your more erotoloquacious friends will open up whole new resources. Of course one doesn't preclude the other, but you may prefer to focus this energy into metaphysical research. This is an excellent time for working with friends through issues of grief or working toward transcendent enlightenment. Back to plan A, sex may help the process. You know better than anyone that the spirit-body dichotomy is a sham. Put a little tantra in your mantra and feel those chakras open up! ✿

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Coming Up

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SEP 9 / T H U

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 9/23 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at the MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649. Topic: Hidden Agendas. All women welcome!

The Lesbians of Color Project, part of the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), a national lesbian/feminist public interest law firm dedicated to achieving full civil & human rights for all lesbians, welcomes interested lesbians of color to join its LOC Advisory Committee. The LOC Project is committed to providing free, direct legal assistance, info & access to the various lesbian of color communities, and all lesbians of color are invited to join. Assistance is particularly needed in three areas: community outreach & education, publications and production of NCLR's Spanish language newsletter. Group meets 6:30 pm at NCLR, 1663 Mission St, Ste 550, SF. Info: Stephanie Smith, LOC Coordinator, 621-0674.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Writer/editor Curtis Chin hosts an evening of readings by contributors to the anthology *Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Asian/Pacific American Writings*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Radical author/activist Pat Califia celebrates the publication of *Melting Point*, her new collection of short stories of leathersex, with a reading of published & unpublished work. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore: Author Ronnie Gilbert reads from her book *Ronnie Gilbert on Mother Jones*, the basis for her one-woman musical piece on the life of the legendary American labor agitator. 7:30 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum, author of *Black Madonnas, Feminism, Religion & Politics* discusses her book, a study of the beliefs & observances surrounding the dark goddess of Italy, and the relationship between these ancient rituals and contemporary Italian liberation theology. 8 pm. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675. $3-10 donation benefits Women's Voices series, no one turned away for lack of funds.

"Venezuela Femenina," a concert of music by Venezuelan women musicians Jackeline Rago and Erika Luckett, joined by Irene Farrera, on tour from Oregon. Night of rich sounds of the Caribbean and Latin America. 8 pm, $8. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 849-2568.

"SexArt 3," a group show on sexuality and eroticism, at Mark I. Chester's Folsom Gallery. Check Galleries for details. Photo by William "Cuff" Cox

San Antonio gay performer Paul Bonin-Rodriguez in "The Bible Belt and other accessories," a sequel to last year's hit "The Talk of the Town." Frank & funny tale of one queer's coming of age in small town Texas. Johnny, the irrepressible small town sissy boy is now 16 and ready, with the help of his friends, to confront the bible thumpers with his own brand of hell-raising. Show runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 9/12. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

SEP 10 / F R I

Pacific Coast Women's Motorcycle Festival: Today thru 9/13 in Boulder Creek (just north of Santa Cruz). Info: 905-4511.

Heart of Relating Wkshop for lesbian couples & singles. Powerful weekend course (today thru 9/12) on how to create more of what you really want in your life & relationships. Info/reg: LoveWorks 572-1999.

Forbidden Love, "the unashamed stories of lesbian lives," Lynne Fernie & Aerlyn Weissman's film, a hit at this year's SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, plays today thru 9/16 at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St, SF. Set against the backdrop of trashy lesbian novels, tabloid headlines, archival photos & newsreel footage, the film focuses on the lesbian scene in Canada in the 1950s & '60s, as seen thru the eyes of nine courageous & feisty women. Engaging & empowering film, don't miss! For showtimes, prices & other info call 621-6120.

Lesbian Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse Support Grop: Feminist, peer support group. Non-therapist-facilitated, non-12 Step. Weekly mtgs to deal with our stuff & support & support each other in the healing process. Group open in Sept to new members. Free. Freeing. Call 206-1319 for day, time & other info.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm tonight & 9/17 in the Eastbay. For info/location call Gerri (510) 428-2144.

SexArt 3: Opening party for SF's largest gay/lesbian sexual art exhibit featuring 22 artists exploring sex, sexuality & eroticism. Events include photographer Will Roger taking provocative mythic portraits in the playroom and the traditional "talk to a live nude girl" transformed into "write graffiti on the live nude bound & gagged man". 7-11 pm, $5 suggested donation. Mark I Chester's Folsom Gallery, 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info: 544-1136.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Writer/activist/scholar Jose Barreiro reads from *The Indian Chronicles*, his masterfully written historical novel recounting the Indians' discovery of the ways of the Europeans. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Healing Addictions Through Connections," a presentation by Polly St John Hughs and ACC International on how healthy connections can unlock us from the mechanism of addiction. 7:30 pm, $5. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author David Watmough (*Vibrations in Time*) reads from his new novel about familial love, *Thy Mother's Glass*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891. Free.

AIDS Mass: Holy Ascension Orthodox Parish of SF offers a medieval-style Pontifical High Mass in Latin & English, according to the Western Rite of the American Orthodox Church, for the repose of all souls who have died of AIDS. 7-7:30 pm meditation, followed by 7:30 pm Mass. Traditional Gregorian chants sung by *Schola Antiqua* men's choir. No fee, no collection taken. Everyone welcome, regardless of religious persuasion or lack thereof. Service held in the Columbarium Chapel of the Neptune Society, Geary & Anza Sts, near Arguello. Info: Father Joseph 563-8514.

At SF Playwrights' Center: "Lenz," written by Christopher Bernard, directed by Shaun Loftus. 7:30 pm, $5. Blue Bear Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, 2nd floor, SF. Info: 626-4603.

At Mama Bears: Singer/songwriter Mary Paulson in concert. Night of fine country, blues & ballads and rock. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

San Antonio gay performer Paul Bonin-Rodriguez in "The Bible Belt & Other Accessories" at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/9.

At Mama Bears: Night of rock, country, blues & ballads with singer/songwriter Mary Paulson. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Summer Camp at ATA: Artists Television Access screens a delicious assortment of some of the campiest shorts around. See Quentin Lee's *To Ride a Cow* ("ride a cow to find a horse" is Cantonese slang appropriated to describe bisexual dating); Nikolaos Stagias & Arlene Sander's *Drag on a Fag* features 70s smoking queens, Banes & groovy lipstick lesbians. Billy Lux's *Mark Called* features NY drag queen Hapi Place. James Dwyer's *Dummy* is a dreamly interlude with Eric, the skinhead who's really Warhol's love child. Also new video orgasms from Robert Jason and recent winners from the 1st Annual Erotic Safe Sex Vido Awards. Plus underground camp classics *V is for Violet* and *I, A Goddess*. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Comedy at Josie's Cabaret with two cutting-edge gay comics, Scott Capurro & Mark Davis. One night only! 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Bi Women's Night Out Dancing at The Brick: 10 pm. For info call Kirsten 626-2876. 1190 Folsom St, SF.

SEP 11 / S A T

Pt Richmond Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Hwy 80 to 580 toward the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Exit at Harbor Way South, go left 1/2 + mile. Turn left on South Garrard and go thru the tunnel. Park along the curb above the park. Meet at 9 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 482-4391.

23rd Annual Alternative Law Day at New College of Calif: 9 am-4:30 pm. Day of panels & workshops to introduce law students to different issues & areas of public interest law, and to practitioners & activists in those areas. Keynote address by Susan Jordan, chair of Women Defenders and defense counsel for Judi Bari, Inez Garcia, the Weathermen and Emily Harris. Topics include: citizen activism & the law, consumer issues, law collectives in the 90s, the death penalty, environmental justice, 4th amendment, humanizing the law school experience, women immigrant rights, institutionalized racism in jails, Native American land rights, abortion/reproductive rights, lesbian & gay families, youth law, police misconduct and health care. Spons by the National Lawyers Guild. Reception with panelists & NLG attorneys. Free admission. 50 Fell St (nr Civic Center BART), SF. WA. Childcare available with reservation (731-0578). Info: 285-5067.

Cutting the Ties that Bind: Wkshop led by Lila Taylor, CHT. Explore ways to build your inner resources and work with your Higher Consciousness thru use of guided visualizations & inner healing rituals to release and dissolve binding limitations, emotional ties & negative thought patterns. 10 am-2:30 pm, $30. Pre-reg required. Call 924-8970 for reg/info. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur.

Alternative Treatment Methods for HIV/AIDS: Free community forum presenting practical approaches to HIV/AIDS as a chronic treatable disease. Improve quality of life & nurture the healing process with Chinese medicine, chiropractic & nutrition, physical therapy, hypnosis & stress reduction. 2-4 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Presented by Discovery Forums. Info: 252-9041.

Jewish Bi's meet 4-6 pm for support/rap and 6-9 pm for Havdallah. Location alternates between Eastbay & SF. Info: (510) 528-7139 or (415) 337-4566.

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At Cody's Books: Catherine A. MacKinnon discusses her newest book, *Only Words*, which contend that that pornography is neither speech nor free, and that hate speech "are acts of intimidation, subordination, terrorism & discrimination," and should be treated as such. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Midnight Squares invite lesbian & gay men to an advanced-level square dance, featuring internationally renowned caller Anne Uebelacker of Vancouver, British Columbia. 7:30-10:30 pm, $5. Live Oak School, 117 Diamond St at 18th, SF. Info: 861-1979.

Sistahs for a Brother: A benefit reading for the Tede Matthews Fund. 7:30 pm, $7-25 donation requested. Readings by Dorothy Allison, Sara Levi Calderon, June Jordan, Cherrie Moraga & Adreinne Rich. Women's Building Auditorium, 3543 18th St, SF. Wheelchair Accessible, childcare provided. Tede Matthew was a writer & gay activist, active in both local & Latin American politics. A member of Modern Times Bookstore Collective, he died of AIDS on July 17, 1993. Proceeds from tonight's program will be used to fund lesbian, gay & bisexual rights in Central America thru the Int'l Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission, and to support writers in the Bay Area by funding a writing program to be adminstered by Partnerships for Change, in conjunction with the SF Public Library. Info: 431-7363.

At A Clean, Well-Lighted Place for Books: Carl Hiaasen reads from his new novel, *Strip Tease*, about an ex-FBI secretary who works as an exotic dancer to cover legal costs in a custody fight with her speed-freak, wheelchair-thieving ex-husband. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

21st Annual Closet Ball '93: SF's most outrageous coming out party! Doors open at 7 pm, show at 8. Tix $20, $30 & $40, all seats reserved. For male or female contestant applications & ticket info call 771-5023. At Bimbos 365 Club, Columbus & Chestnut Sts, SF. Don't miss!

At Mama Bears: Night of laughs with comics Maureen Brownsey & Karla Carmony. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse. Night of improv comedy with Over Our Heads (Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler & Marion Damon). 8:30 pm, $9-12. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Forbidden Love screens at the Castro Theatre, see 9/10.

Queer Media Chaos at Komotion International: Exhibit of independent gay & lesbian zines, art, music and video. Includes "Queen Zine Fair," with selection of underground queer magazines available for sale or trade, plus videos in the side room. Also music by *Bucktooth Varmints* and *Oswald Five-O*. You'll receive $1 coupon for zines at the door! 8 pm, $5. 2779 16th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 861-6423.

San Antonio gay performer Paul Bonin-Rodriguez in "The Bible Belt & Other Accessories" at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/9.

Comedy Night at Mama Bears with Maureen Brownsey & Karla Carmody. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

"Broadway!" concert with Golden Gate Men's Chorus. Program of hits from your favorite Broadway musicals. Two shows: 8 pm tonight and 3 pm tmw at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF. Tix $10 adv, $12 at door, stdnts & srs $6.

At the Tea Spot Cafe: Acoustic rock/folk music concert with Kim Baker. 9 pm, $5-7. Come early for dinner and you get $2 off the show price. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

The Retro 90s Party at Klubstitute, queer niteclub & cabaret, with entertainment by *bLew peRiod* plus a plethora of guest celebrities from the 90s, djs Remix & Cheese (playing golden oldies of the 90s), emcees David Hawkins & Diet Popstitute. 21 and over, please. $5. Paula's Queer Clubhouse, 3160 16th St near Valencia, SF.

Poker Night at Whiptail Lizard Lounge. An eve of fast women & wild cards—bring other games and a few friends. Whiptail is an alternative alcohol, drug

and smoke-free dyke space. All women are welcome. 4035 18th St, SF.
Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Last 2 Serve* (hip hop), *Hoodlum Empire* (ska) and *Extinguisher* (rap). 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

SEP 12 / S U N

El Corte De Madera Open Space Preserve/San Mateo County Skyline Hike with SF Hiking Club. Easy to moderate; about 7 miles hiking distance, 900 ft elevation gain. Auto distance from SF 70 miles roundtrip. Cost per car $7, to be shared among passengers. Meet 9:45 am under the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF. Peninsula residents meet 10:45 am at Skeggs Point on Skyline Blvd (Hwy 35), 4 miles north of Hwy 84 intersection. Bring lunch, water & sunscreen. Fog & cool weather are possible in the morning, but very unlikely. Info: 826-3489 BEFORE 10 pm.
Negatives Being Positive group meets at the Blue Muse, 409 Gough St at Hayes, SF for a tasty brunch & fine conversation. 10:30 am social hour, brunch at 11:30. Info/RSVP Neil 255-7672.
Potluck Brunch for Men: Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.
931 Cloggers perform at the "Solano Stroll" on Solano Avenue (between Carmel St & Santa Fe in Albany). Noon-2:30 pm. Info: (510) 271-5916.
Whiptail Lizard Lounge is open noon-9 pm, the collective meets at 7 pm. Whiptail is an alcohol, drug & smoke free alternative dyke space. All women are welcome. 4035 18th St, SF.
Find Meaning Now: Explore personal myth & autobiography as healing tools, discover skills to tap unconscious images, dreams & wisdom. 1-4 pm, $10. SF location. Space limited. Info/res: 252-9085.
Lynn Lonidier Memorial: Celebration of the life & work of poet Lynn Lonidier (1937-1993) at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St, SF. Poetry readers/speakers include Adelle Foley, Jack Foley, Judy Grahn, Roma Guy, Noni Howard, Mary Norbert Korte, Allie Light, Mary Mackey, Paul Mariah, Clive Matson & others. Music by Betty Wong & Shirley Wong-Frentzel. Please bring flowers. 1-5 pm. Info: 282-8534.
At Mama Bears: Bookparty for Nancy Boutillier, author of *According to Her Contours*. 3 pm, free. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Bookparty at Mama Bears: Nancy Boutilier celebrates her book of poetry, *According to Her Contours*. 3 pm, no cover. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.
"Broadway!" with the Golden Gate Men's Chorus—final show, see 9/11.
Update on "Shades of Red & Pink" film project. 3 pm at 430 Cortland (Bernal Heights), SF. See clips & discussion Douglas Conrad & Rick Gerharter's July, 1993 trip thru Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic & Serbia, plus info on Romania, Slovenia, the former USSR & Hungary. "Shades" is a film exploring equality thru the history & relationship of early socialist movement and homosexual activists in Eastern Europe. Info: Rick Gerharter 824-5300.
Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Candela*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Cheri Huber, Zen teacher & author (*There is Nothing Wrong With You*) holds a question & answer session based on her work. 5 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Advanced Square Dance Class for lesbians & gay men, spons by Midnight Squares. Class taught by nationally-known gay Advanced/Challenge caller Harlan Kerr. Free intro session tonight, 6-7:30 pm at Live Oak School, 117 Diamond St at 18th, SF. Info: 861-1979.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning group hold a potluck dinner tonight in SF. 6 pm. All gays, lesbians & bisexuals are welcome. Program on Treasure Island redevelopment follows dinner. Info/directions: Ann (510) 834-7050 or Mark (415) 552-1903.
Tobacco as a Gay Issue is the topic of today's High Tech Gays meeting. Special program hosted by Gabrielle Antolovich tells you about the tobacco grant received by Billy DeFrank Center in San Jose, which includes quit smoking classes. Also discussion of how smoking affects people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, how the tobacco industry is targeting lesbians & gays, and the dangers of second hand smoke. Ex-smoker Ken Yeager discusses how to support friends who are trying to quit and how to support friends who are smoking. Info: (408) 293-AGAY.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Kathy Acker reads from her 12th novel, *My Mother: Demonology*. Based loosely on the relationship between Colette Peignot & Georges Bataille, the novel explores the contradictory (?) impulse for love & solitude via the exigencies of violence, pornography & the trauma of childhood memories. 7 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
At A Different Light Bookstore: A reading by Ronnie Gilbert from her biography, *Ronnie Gilbert on Mother Jones: The Most Dangerous Women in America*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Forbidden Love screens at the Castro Theatre, see 9/10.
Don't Ask, Don't Tell USO Show at Club Confidential: Come lose those GI blues (don't worry, your secret's safe with us!) Show hosted by Justin Bond & Stafford, with Ken Melman on piano. $3 all nite. Dress to disarm. Info: Justin 752-7930 or Stafford 252-8634. 3160 16th St at Albion (The Clubhouse), SF.

SEP 13 / MON

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight & 9/20 at 7 pm at the Village Deli for food, drink & conversation. 495 Castro St, SF. Friendly bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome. Info/calendar: Pierre 648-6332.
Bi-Friendly SF meets 7 pm tonight & 9/20 for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 648-6332.
At Cody's Books: Pat Riley, one of the US's greatest coaches, discusses his new book, *The Winner Within*, about his formula for success for teams, organizations or individuals. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Queers Against the Death Penalty Mtg: Discuss future educational work in our community to stop state killing. 7:30 pm. For location call LAGAI 641-8769.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Bernard Cooper (*Maps to Anywhere*) reads from his just-released book, *A Year of Rhymes*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Author Michelle Cliff reads from her new novel, *Free Enterprise*. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
Forbidden Love screens at the Castro Theatre, see 9/10.
Keeping Lesbian Sex Alive: Workshop addresses the gradual disappearance of sex in longterm lesbian relationships. Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks present new & classic ways to revitalize sex in lesbian relationships. Also discussion of the impact of internalized homophobia and incest on sexuality. Learn how to initiate sex in ways that work and how to respond to your lover's desires with love, compassion & power. 11 am-7 pm at Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF. Info/reg: 974-8980. Women only.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Mimi Freed. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market. Info/res: 861-7933.

SEP 14 / T U E

Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project (GCHP) trains facilitators & group leaders for workshops/rap groups, today & 9/17. Trainings held in the evening, with food & drink provided. If you're an interested Asian or Pacific Islander call Prescott or Bruce 575-3939 for more info.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Kat Duff, author of *Alchemy of an Illness*, reads from her book about her experience with chronic fatigue immune dysfunction and discusses the way our society deals with illness. 6:30 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
"You Are Your Power," Nancy Six discusses the power you have but very often don't own. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by physical culturist Bill Milligan. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.
At Cody's Books: Author Mary Mackey (*A Grand Passion, Season of Shadows*) reads from her new book, *The Year the Horses Came*. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm tonight & 9/21 at Au Coquelet, 2000 University Ave at Milvia, Berkeley. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight & 9/21 at 7:30 pm at Au Coquelet, 2000 University Ave at Milvia, Berkeley. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Community Debate on efforts to lift the ban on gays & lesbians in the military. "Lift the Ban" activists Kate Dyer & Jiff Gibson of the Bay Area Campaign for Military Service discuss the merits of working toward lifting the military ban on gays & lesbians; anti-intervention activists Chea Villanueva & Tommi Avicolli Mecca present the alternative viewpoint that no one, including gays & lesbians, should join the military. Moderated by Allen Carson. Everyone welcome, audience participation encouraged. 7:30 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, SF. Info: 431-0891.
At Black Oak Books: Rosemary Mahoney discusses her book, *Whoredom in Kimmage: Irish Women Coming of Age*, a collection of stories telling the tale of the changing lives of women in contemporary Irish society. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Louie Garcia Robinson reads from his novel, *The Devil*, a comic story about middle class Mexican Americans pursuing the American Dream in SF's Mission District. A satirical but loving portrait of souls for sale in El Norte. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Lesbian Battering Presentation on lesbian battering by the SF Network for Battered Lesbians & Bisexual Women, hosted by the Women's Action Coalition (WAC). WAC is an open alliance of women committed to direct action on issues affecting the rights of all women. 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Women only. Free childcare provided. Info: Call the hotline at (510) 869-2584.
Forbidden Love screens at the Castro Theatre, see 9/10.
Germaine Greer speaks on "The Change: Women, Aging & the Menopause," as part of City Arts & Lectures "Talking at the Herbst" lecture series. 8 pm, $14. Info/res: 392-4400.
"Among My Wigs," Mark Davis' solo tour-de-force plays one-night-only at Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. 9 pm, $5. Info: 864-5453.

SEP 15 / W E D

Happy Rosh Hashanah: Join us on Yom Kippur for a women's closing Neilah ritual in the Eastbay hills, followed by break-fast potluck. Info: (415) 647-7209.
LoveWorks on KPFA: Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein, co-founders of LoveWorks, Inc. are interviewed by Penny Rosenwasser on the Brainstorm Radio Hour. Call-in radio hour on lesbian relationships. 94.1 FM. Info: LoveWorks, 572-1999.
Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Topic: When we were young, how did we feel about our gay elders? For time & other info call 626-7000.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Mary Mackey, author of *The Year the Horses Came* reads from her latest work. 6:30 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Today at 6:45 pm, 9/18 at 9 am and 9/22 at 6:45 pm. From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) past tennis courts, botanical gardens & Lawrence Hall of Science. Take a sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg (sign is on left). Meet 6:45 pm in parking lot. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391 or Roz (510) 939-3579.
Living with HIV Public Forum: "Comprehensive Healing Program for HIV: Definition of HIV Treatment Success," a presentation by Jon Kaiser, MD. 7-9 pm, free. Spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project. Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, btwn 18th & 19th, SF. Info: Carmen Chavez 476-3902.
Wise Fool Puppet Intervention offers six weeks of free community workshops during the months of Sept & Oct in preparation for the Chasky (a Mission-based event celebrating indigenous resistance) and Day of the Dead. Join in creating giant puppets, masks & processional performance for these events. Theme this year focuses on HIV issues and honors those who have died of HIV. Program Schedule: 9/15, 7-9:30 pm; public meeting & brainstorm, all welcome! 9/18-10/23, Sat noon-6 pm, Mon 7-9:30 pm; community building workshops. 9/22: Rehearsals Wed 7-9:30 pm, beginning today. Call for details if you'd like to perform with us. Wkshops held at 395 Valencia at 15th, SF. For locations & details of other events call 905-5958.
Bisexual Women's Support Group meets 7-9 pm. Come meet other women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Info: Ingrid 775-2620.
Congregation Sha'ar Zahav New Years Schedule: Rosh Hashanah—9/15, 7:30 pm: evening services. 9/16, 9:30 am: morning & children's services. Yom Kippur—9/24, 7:30 pm: Kol Nidre; 9/25, 9:30 am: morning & children's services; 3 pm, afternoon service; 5:15 pm, Yizkor (Memorial) & Ne'ilah. At the Unitarian Center, Franklin & Geary Sts, SF. Due to space limitations, only Sha'ar Zahav members & guests will be seated in the main sanctuary for the Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur evening services. All others are welcome to join us in the additional seating areas. Donations are encouraged. Services will be led by Rabbi Yoel Kahn & Ritual Committee members. For info on childcare signing & available seats call 861-6932. Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, established in 1977, is a progressive Reform Jewish Congregation with a special outreach to the gay & lesbian Jewish community.
At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Staying Healthy," a talk with Dr Elias Haas, director of the Marin Clinic of Preventive Medicine & Health Education and author of *Staying Healthy with Nutrition & Staying Healthy with the Seasons*. Patient-centered approach combining components of good nutrition with natural medicine, acupuncture, herbology, osteopathic care, massage therapy, stress management & hypnotherapy. 7:30 pm, $5. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
"12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional You," Former Houstonian Rob Nash brings his exceptional one-man comedy act to Josie's Cabaret for one week. Show captures the essence of a struggling, dysfunctional upper-middle class family using only minimal props & his uncanny insight into human nature. Nash portrays 6 members of an East Texas family, capturing them in the present & 15 years down the road. Characters include Mildred, the clan's 60-year-old matriarch, teenage siblings Matt & Ashley with their seemingly endless psychosexual problems, their Junior League Mom Margot, her spacy lesbian sister Miriam (who goes by the name Windsong) and Margot's gay brother-in-law Frederick. 8 pm, $10. Show runs Wed-Sun 9/15-19. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Forbidden Love screens at the Castro Theatre, see 9/10.

Comic Rob Nash in "12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional You," at Josie's Cabaret, Sept 15-19. See Calendar for details.

SEP 16 / T H U

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav Rosh Hashanah services—see 9/15.
"District Elections: Will it benefit the Asian Pacific Community?" a public forum spons by the Asian Pacific Democratic Club and the Chinese Progressive Association. 6:30-8:30 pm in Chinatown at Cameron House, 920 Sacramento St, SF.
Being Yourself in Relationship: Stop Losing Yourself When You Are in Love," discussion/presentation by Janell Moon, certified hypnotherapist. 7-9:30 pm, $15. Ft Mason Center, Bldg C, SF. Room 205. Info: 567-5415.
At A Different Light Bookstore: An evening of readings for the relationship-hungry, with Beverly Burch, author of *On Intimate Terms: The Psychology of Difference in Lesbian Relationships*. Also Diane Whitacre presents compelling portraits from her book of photos & interviews, *Will You Be Mine? Domestic Partnership San Francisco City Hall*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
At The Booksmith: Ex-Monkees drummer Micky Dolenz reads from his book, *I'm A Believer*. 7:30 pm. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.
At A Clean, Well-Lighted Place for Books: Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Olen Butler reads from *A Good Scent frm a Strange Mountain*, a collection of 15 lyric & often comic short stroies about a community of Vietnamese expatriates living in their adopted homeland of Louisiana. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
1994 Eastbay Lesbian, Bisxual, Gay & Transgender Celebration Committee holds its second meeting tonight at 7:30 pm. Discuss site plans & the character of the celebration. Interested groups & individuals are welcome! Club Thunder Bay, 1 Bolivar Drive, Berkeley. Info: Bill Beasley (510) 540-0869.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Body Image. All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Erotic author Robbi Sommers signs copies and gives a performance reading from her work, bringing her steamy stories to life, complete with costume changes & props. Don't miss! 8 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675. $3-10 donation benefits Women's Voices, OWT's events series, no one turned away for lack of funds.
Forbidden Love—final screening at the Castro Theatre! See 9/10 listing for details.
"12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional You," one-man show with Rob Nash at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/15.
COYOTE, sex workers rights & educational organization, presents *Hoes Go To Hollywood*, an hour-plus hypercollage of appropriation from Tinsel Town's celluloid & electronic forays into the worlds of whores, johns & pimps. *Whorezine* editor Vic St Blaze's video slices & dices a history of realistic/mythical/simplistic/sensational portrayals into a rollercoaster of recontext. Screening followed by discussion with COYOTE (Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics) and their fans. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
Erotic Dance at the Victoria Theatre: Frisco Dancers, a new group of professional women erotic dancers, present a series of concert featuring diverse styles of erotic dance, ranging from classical burlesque to the latest hip hop moves, with music from Miles Davis to the Beatles & Paul Simon, the Grateful Dead to Prince, Ted Nugent & Motorhead. Show runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, thru 9/26. 2961 16th St (btwn Mission & South Van Ness), SF. Tix $12.50, available thru BASS (510/762-BASS), or at the door one hour before curtain. There's no full nudity, but concerts are for adults only.
Latin Rock/World Rock at El Rio with Ramon Cepeda y la *Neo Maya Orquestra* and *Orixa*. 9:30 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

SEP 17 / F R I

Opening to Intimacy: Wkend course (9/17-19) for lesbian singles & couples. Open to deep heart connections, experience a profound acceptance of yourself & others, create more of the intimacy you desire. Info: LoveWorks 572-1999.
Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project training, see 9/14.
Ray Bradbury, beloved grand master of imaginative fiction, signs the handsome 40th anniversary edition of his powerful anti-fascist work, *Fahrenheit 451* at the store named for his first book, Dark Carnival. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. 6-8 pm. Info: (510) THE-DARK.
Women's Country Western Class & Dance in the Eastbay, see 9/10.
Scene Night at SF Playwrights' Center: Bring in scenes from works-in-progress for listening, reading & critique. 7:30 pm, $5. Info: 626-4603.
Shadows by the Bay: Dark Shadows social gathering for fans & friends. Come celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique and the rest of the Collins clan—night of potluck, videos & fun! 7:30 pm. Info/location: Neil 255-7672.
At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "The Dream & the Personal Shadow," a talk by Marin psychotherapist/author Ken Kelzer, LCSW. Is "transformational consciousness" the 13th step in recovery? Learn specific methods to recognize, befriend & transform your personal shadow thru dream work & the intrapersonal. 7:30 pm, $5. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
At The Booksmith: Author Sophy Burnham reads from her novel, *The President's Angel*. 7:30 pm. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Poet Bernice Zamora reads from her second collection of poetry, *Releasing Serpents;* Alejandro Murguia reads from his most recent collection of short stories, *Southern Front*, winner of the 1991 American Book Award. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Lesbian Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse support group—see 9/10.
"12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional You," Rob Nash in his one-man comedy at Josie's Cabaret, see 9/15.
AIDS Video Night: See *HIV Immigration: Guantanamo Bay* (features civil disobedience by Jesse Jackson & Susan Sarandon) and *Political Funeral: Tim Bailey* (about the attempt to leave Bailey's casket at the White House). Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $5 & up donation. Rochdale Housing Co-op, 2424 Haste St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 836-4401. Spons by ACT UP Eastbay.
Open Mike for women musicans & comedians at Mama Bears: 8 pm, $3. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Call (510) 428-9684 for info/res.
"Up Close & Personal," the 1993 Edge Festival: 8th annual event features cutting-edge work by dancers & performance artists. 8:30 pm Fri & Sat, 9/17-10/9 at Footwork Dance Studio, 3221 22nd St, SF. 9/17-18 program features work by performance artist Keith Hennessy & writer/actor Carla Kirkwood. Tix $10 adv, $12 at door. Info: 824-5044.
Erotic Dance at the Victoria Theatre with Frisco Dancers, see 9/16.
Moving Basis presents a weekend of new & repertory works from this dance collective that blends innovative modern dance with ballet & ethnic flavors from Balkan folk to Afro-Cuban dance. 8:30 pm tonight & tmw at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St at Shotwell, SF. For gen'l info call 355-6849, for reservations call 863-9834.
Strain Andromeda, The at ATA: "Every film tacitly promises that you'll have something to look foward to. Embedded in this notion is an obdurate clinging to linearity: time sweeps forward and so too must the mechanism of storytelling. SF-based media artist Anne McGuire wanted something to look back on when she commandeered a feature-length sci-fi film and re-edited it backwards—cut for cut in reverse order, ending up with an interesting roll reversal resulting in a humorous, eye-opening, outright hallucinatory experience." 8:30 pm, $5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
Lesbian & Gay Comedy Night at the Tea Spot Cafe with Scott Capurro, Liz Olsen, Amy Shuklian & emcee Lisa Geduldig. 9 pm, $8. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.
Club nZinga, international dance party at El Rio with DJ Mongrel, tonight & 9/24, 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Arizona-based comic/singer songwriter Jamie Anderson, known for her warm voice & often-outrageous songs, performs at Josie's Cabaret tonight. Night of "funny & touching songs about the life and romances of an average goddess-babe-lesbian." 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

SEP 18 / SAT

Paths to Power Conference: Spons by SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women). 8:30 am-6:30 pm at Recreation Center for the Handicapped, 207 Skyline Blvd, SF. $85. Day-long campaign training for women who want to gain political appointments, spearhead political campaigns or run for political office themselves. Confirmed speakers include: US Senators Dianne Feinstein & Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Lynn Wolsey, SF School Boardmember Angie Fa and Kate Karpelow, director of the California Elected Women's Association for Education & Research (CEWAER). Adv reg strongly recommended, call 861-8880.

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners—See 9/15.

Negatives Being Positive group picnic on Angel Island. Meet 10 am at Pier 43 1/2, SF for a ferry ride and day outing to the Island. Enjoy hiking or other activities in the morning, followed by early afternoon lunch. Ferry returns at 4:10 pm. Bring your own basic lunch & beverage, plus something to share with the group. Tix $8, $6.50 with group discount of 15 or more—so bring a friend! Info/RSVP: Neil 255-7672.

Self-Defense for Women: 6-hour class spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. Class taught by certified self-defense instructor Nina Otis Haft. Class limited to 20 women. Focus on street-wise personal safety, defense & excape methods. Techniques covered include basic blocking, releases from common grabs, ground fighting & how to immobilize an attacker of any size. Strategies for confronting weapons discussed. Participants should wear loose & comfortable clothing. 10:30 am-5:30 pm, $65. Pre-reg required, call 476-5222.

Wise Fool Puppet Intervention community building workshops—see 9/15 listing for details.

Celebrating Men's Sexuality: Wkshop at Billy DeFrank Center. Hosted by Andrew Gans, MPH, Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program Health Educator. Keynote speaker: Phillip Murray, MSW, CADC, program coordinator at the Bill Wilson Center. Wkshops include: "The Me, The You, The We—Emotional Dynamics in Male-Male Relationships," "Tricks, Mating & Dating—Safer Sex in the 90s," "Sexual Addiction," "Turning an Argument into Love Making," and "The Addiction Continuum—Submerging the Addiction in Relationships." 1-5 pm, $5-10 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-AGAY.

Children's Story Time at A New Leaf—see Parents & Kidsbox.

Meditation & the Immune System: A practical workshop on meditation, centering, affirmation & visualization to reduce stress, facilitated by Walt Anthony. 1-5 pm, free. Spons by the Alternative Treatments Committee of ACT-UP SF. Gazebo Room, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce Sts, SF. Info: Michael 292-4055 or Casey 648-1357.

Marin Women's Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 1:30 pm. Info/location: Betty 479-6643.

Healing for Adoptees: Meet, connect & gain an introduction to body-centered transformation. 3-5 pm, free. Space limited, RSVP to Amy Jane Cheney 647-1492.

September Potluck with Southbay LSG (Lesbian Social Group), PWG (Peninsula Women's Group) and the Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group. Fun starts at 4 pm at Cathy & Lisa's home in Half Moon Bay. Lesbians, gays, bisexuals & significant others of either gender are welcome! Info/directions: 726-9759.

Imagine a Dyke-Only Planet: Join other Seps and supportive Dykes for discussion, friendship & fun. Female-born non-sadomasochist Lesbians only. 4-6 pm at Whiptail Lizard Lounge, 4035 18th St (one block off Castro), SF. $1 or more donation encouraged. Info: Elizabeth (510) 652-7729 or Lisa (510) 655-8792. Please do not wear scented products. Whiptail does not endorse Lounge events, dykes create the space they want, for Whiptail info call (415) 267-6979.

At Whiptail Lizard Lounge: *Torch Ginger* play their own brand of rock—three power women locked in a stark, melodic groove. 8:30 pm, $5. All women welcome! Whiptail is an alcohol, drug & smoke free alternative dyke space. 4035 18th St, SF.

Author Cristina Salat reads from & discusses her recently-published book, *Living in Secret*, and talks about writing & getting published. 7-9 pm at Marcus Books, 1712 Fillmore St at Post, SF. Info: 346-4222.

Country Western Dance for Women at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1940 Virginia at Milvia, Berkeley. Fabulous dance foor, great party atmosphere, wonderful dancing! Dance lessons begin at 7:30 pm, open dancing with DJ Gina from 8:30 pm-midnight, $10 admission. Come on down!

Temp Autonomous Zone at Komotion International: Hot dance music with *Planet 6 Sound*, cool postindustrial funk & video by *Process* and contemporary Japanese Butoh dancing by Flesh & Blood Mystry Theatre. Doors open at 9:30 pm, show starts at 10. $5. Proceeds benefit the new progressive temp workers' union. 2779 16th St, SF. Info: 861-6423.

At Klubstitute Queer Niteclub/Cabaret: *Sassy* magazine party with 3 hot new teen idol bands, *Crewella*, *Frog S* and *Fagbash*, guest stars and more. DJs Remix & Cheese, emcees David Hawkins & Diet Popstitute. 21 & over please. $5. Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St near Valencia, SF.

Improv Comedy & Music with Over Our Heads (Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Marion Damon & Annie Larson) at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Reservations suggested, call (510) 428-9684 for info/res.

Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns hosts its 11th annual fundraising party: 7-11:30 pm at Bernard Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, 200 North Pedro Road, San Rafael. Night has a cruise ship theme with the center transformed into the "SS Spectrum" for the night's events which include dancing to *Swing Fever*, a gourmet buffet feast and lots of laughs with emcee Jack St John. Also souvenir shopping at the gift shop, gambling in the ship's casino, or just wandering on the decks among the stars... Spectrum's new executive director, Veneita Porter, will be available to greet guests. Nautical attire encouraged. $20 donation before 9/15, $25 at door, no one turned away for lack of funds. Spectrum provies services to lesbians, gays & bisexuals in Marin County, as well as people with AIDS/HIV. Info: 457-1115.

Sisters Pictures I: The (In)Visible Woman at ATA: First installment of a group show by women who inscribe a feminist subjectivity within the social field. See Sally Potter's *Thriller*, Elizabeth Berry's *Aporia*, Tari Abranovich's *This, That & the Other* and Oona Nelson's *The Same Story*; plus Kathleen Sweeney's video on Amelia Earhardt. 8:30 pm, $5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Charlie King Concert at Freight & Salvage. Political satirist/folk singer Charlie King presents a concert to benefit the Freedom Song Network. 8:30 pm, $10. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761, (415) 753-0245.

Erotic Dance at the Victoria Theatre, see 9/16.

Moving Basis at New Performance Gallery, see 9/17. Final performance!

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Marga Gomez, Sabrina Matthews and Lisa Geduldig. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Mudwimin* and *Johnny's Problem*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Kathryn Warner & Sandy Ayala in concert at the Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. 9 pm. Come for dinner at 6 pm and get $2 off the show price. Info/res: (510) 848-7376.

SEP 19 / SUN

12th Annual Gay & Lesbian Sports Day on Angel Island, spons by SF Frontrunners. Everyone is welcome! Activities include intro to gay/lesbian sports clubs, Run around the island, bicycling, potluck & BBQ, softball, volleyball, croquet, swimming, hike to top of Mt Livermore, relaxing! Plus silent auction to raise money for Gay Games IV athletes' fund. Potluck: Names beginning with A-G, dessert; H-O, salad; P-Z, main dish. Ferry service available to Angel Island from SF's Pier 43 1/2, from Tiburon & from Vallejo. SF Frontrunners have arranged a special sailing with the Red & White Fleet, leaving Pier 43 1/2 at 9 am and returning from Angel Island at 4:10 pm, tix $8 (the next available sailing is already heavily booked, so individuals may have difficulty obtaining a seat; the 9 am sailing is recommended for Sports Day participants. For tix & other info call John 863-0954 or Chris 648-0500. Sailings from Tiburon usually start at 10 am, $5 roundtrip, for details call Tiburon-Angel Island Ferry 435-2131.

Beyond Breaking Up: A workshop for lesbians on emotional detachment & tools for rebuilding one's life. Info/reg: Mary Butler, MFCC (510) 601-6445.

Bi-Friendly Tour of the Marina/Palace of Fine Arts: Free historic tour. Meet 1 pm under the sign denoting the intersection of Bay & Lyon Sts in SF. Info: Hester 333-5358.

Find Meaning Now—See 9/12.

G Forty Plus Club meets 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franlin St at Geary, SF. Ron Schmidt, openly gay teacher in the Morgan Hill Unified School District and co-founder of the Southbay chapter of BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators), discusses his work as a gay teacher. Info: 552-1997.

Renowned actor James Earl Jones reads from his new biography, *Voices & Silences*. 2-3:30 pm, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Healing for Adoptees: Meet, connect & gain an introduction to body-centered transformation. Free. Space limited, RSVP to Amy Jane Cheney 647-1492.

Juice & Jazz at Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Afternoon of fresh squeezed juices and live jazz by local women musicians, on a sunny patio with plenty of friendly gals! 4-7 pm at 4035 18th St, SF. Whiptail is a smoke and alcohol free alternative dyke space. All women are welcome! 4035 18th St, SF.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with Danilo & *Orquesta Universal*, 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF.

Sunday's Child lesbian art salon meets 3rd Sun of each month at the Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF, 4-7 pm. Today's program features Lambda Literary Award finalist Nancy Boutilier reading from her book of poetry, *According to Her Contours*. Also open mike for your songs, writings, dance or other work. Come be with others who are in the arts or interested in the artistic process. $5. Info: Janell Moon 863-1936.

At Cody's Books: African American author Dori Sanders (*Clover*) reads from her newest novel, *Her Own Place*. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge, an alcohol, drug & smoke free alternative lesbian space in the Castro, is open noon-9 pm. The collective meets at 7 pm. All women are welcome. 4035 18th St, SF.

At Black Oak Books: Idelisse Malave discusses *Mother-Daughter Revolution: From Betrayal to Power*, her book (co-authored by Elizabeth Debold & Marie Wilson) exploring the ambivalence, competition and betrayal between mothers & daughters, and laying the groundwork for powerful new mother-daughter relationships. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Erotic Dance at the Victoria Theatre with Frisco Dancers, see 9/16.

SEP 20 / MON

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-9 pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Led by author/performer Ida VSW Red. Group provides writing support for women over 50 years old. Info: 626-7000.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 9/13.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at 7 pm, see 9/13.

At Cody's Books: Author Patricia Evans (*The Verbally Abusive Relationship*) discusses her newest book, *Verbal Abuse: Survivors Speak Out on Relation-*

parents & kids box

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parenting resources. for details call 565-7674. 1748 Market St. Ste 201. SF.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages. kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm and last 1-2 hrs. sign-ups begin at 12:30. call 554-9600 for details. **Saturdays in September:** $3-4 per person. 9/11—**Paper Quilts** with Leslie Yee Murata. Make amazing quilt patterns using simple strips of paper. 9/18—**Land of the Lost**: with Julie Willard. Learn about Tyrannosauruses. Triceratops & Pteradactyls. make a dinosaur craft to take home. 9/25— **Wood Sculpture Assemblage** with Chris Boettcher. Create fanciful wood sculptures by hot gluing odd-shaped pieces of wood from our abundant scrap chest. **Other Saturday Programs:** Free **"Animal Talk,"** at 2:15 pm every Sat. **Model Railroad Exhibit** 2nd & 4th Sat, 1-4 pm. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

Children's Story Time at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store. 9/18 at 1 pm, free. For kids ages 4 & older. Diana de Regnier uses stories, songs & other surprises to encourage children to indulge in the special joy, wisdom & creativity of childhood. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur.

Artfull Circle Theatre Fall program for Bay Area youth. Program explores the magic of theatre via theatre games, scene studies, choreographed movement, dance, mime & singing. Sessions held in Artfull Circle Theatre, a multifaceted wonderland located at 47 Waller St, SF. Sessions meet 3 times per week. students may take 1-3 classes per week. Fees start at $15 monthly. Call Robert Gardner 621-7305 for info/brochure.

Grandparents/Seniors Days at Marine World. Thru 10/31. All grandparents and seniors over age 60 get an additional $5 off the senior discount tix price. addt'l discounts for family members & friends are also available. Highlights for Sept & Oct include "Dinosaurs! A Prehistoric Adventure," "The Incredible Acrobats of China," and "Water Ski & Boat Show." Hrs: Wed-Sun, 9:30 am-5:30 pm. Gen'l admission: $23.95, $16.95 for kids ages 4-12, free for tots age 3 and under. Grandparents & seniors special rate is $14.95 (adv reg required). Info: (707) 644-4000.

Spirit Theatre Dance Studio Children's Cultural Arts Afterschool Program: African dance, jazz dance, percussion, mask making, art. Info: (510) 849-3232.

Golden Gate Boys Choir & Bellringers (GGBC) is accepting new members! Interested boys ages 7 & older with unchanged voices are invited to join thru 10/15. No previous musical training or experience is required. Rehearsal locations in San Francisco, Oakland, San Ramon & San Lorenzo. International tour & summer music camp offered each year. Info: (415) 431-1137 or (510) 887-4311.

Kids 'N' Clay Pottery Studio offers pottery classes in the Eastbay. Affordable, ongoing weekly classes for kids ages 7 & up. $14.50 per class, class size kept low to assure personal attention. For schedules & other info call (510) 486-1797. Located behind the North Berkeley BART Station. Adult classes also offered.

Kairos Youth Choir, a chorus of mixed voices for unchanged treble voices (ages 7-14) holds auditions for the 1993/94 season thru Oct. Children learn musicianship & musical history, sing in foreign languages, and varied styles of music, work with oustanding professional musicians, tour with Kairos, make lots of new friends! No previous musical training necessary. Call (510) 644-2299 for audition information.

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At A Clean, Well-Lighted Place for Books: Crime fiction author James Crumley reads from his new book, *The Mexican Tree Duck*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Mimi Freed. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. 8 pm, $5. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Erotic Dance at the Victoria Theatre, see 9/16.

SEP 21 / T U E

Asian Pacific Democratic Club honors SF's Asian Pacific American elected & appointed officials at a dinner tonight at Yank Sing Restaurant, 427 Battery St, SF. 6-8 pm. Program includes greetings by Mayor Jordan, entertainment by political humorist Keith Choy. $20 (includes APDC membership). Info: Joe Lee 751-1166.

Not Just Black & White: A Necessary Dialogue About Interracial Racism. Panel discussion spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center, the UCSF Committee of Minority Organizations & the UCSF Office of Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity. Incidents of cultural ignorance, racism and racially motivated violence among people of color have been widely reported in the media, with little analysis of the real roots of interethnic tension. Tonight's program brings together educators, media personalities & community activists to discuss interracial racism & what needs to be done to create undertstanding, respectful & cohesive alliances. Panelists include: Oakland Councilmember Ignacio de la Fuente, UC Berkeley professor Elaine Kim; John Levell, director of the Center for the Spirit; *SF Examiner* writer Gregory Lewis; Mexican Political Alliance Executive Director Linda Olivera, *Oakland Tribune* columnists Brenda Payton and Bill Wong, and moderator Tamera White, coordinator of the UCSF Rape Education Program. 7-9 pm, free. Info: 476-5836.

Autumnal Equinox Celebration at Amron Metaphysical Cetner. Celebrate the arrival of fall with ritual & communion. 7 pm, free. Everyone welcome. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

At Cody's Books: Louie Garcia Robinson reads from *The Devil, Delfina Varela & the Used Chevy*, a brilliant tapestry of the reality & absurdity of life in La Michon, the Mission District. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by special guest model. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Michael Heim, "the philosopher of cyberspace", explores the possible consequences of the advent of virtual reality in his book, *The Metaphysics of Virtual Reality*. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets at 7:30 pm, see 9/14.

Women's Action Coalition (WAC), an open alliance of women committed to direct action on issues affecting the rights of all women, meets tonight at 7:30 pm, call the hotline (510) 869-2584 for meeting location & other info.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight, see 9/14.

Erotic Dance at the Victoria Theatre, see 9/16.

SEP 22 / W E D

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: See 9/15.

Psychodramas for Life: 2nd in a series of events conducted by Maggi Rubinstein & Sean Brancato at the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, 1523 Franklin St (btwn Bush & Pine), SF. Evening of therapeutic interaction in a theatre setting, utilizing psychodrama (process in which audience participants are given the opportunity to take part in "communication rehearsals" where they act out situations of their own choosing with other members of the audience who play the parts of friend, partner, family member, co-worker, etc). The process can be rewarding for participants, whether they are working in a scene or observing. 3-part evening: audience warm-up, acting out of scenes and discussion period. 7 pm, $10. Info/res: Maggi 584-0172.

Wise Fool Puppet Intervention rehearsals start today, see 9/15 listing for details.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: Tav Sparks, author of *The Wide Open Door: The Twelve Steps, Spiritual Tradition & the New Psychology*, connects the 12 Steps to some of the world's greatest spiritual philosophies—Jungian psychology, yoga, the Tao & tribal rites of passage. 7:30 pm, free. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

At Modern Times Bookstore. Open lesbian & gay reading for authors of both poetry & prose. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Stormy Leather 10th Anniversary Party & Fashion Show! 8 pm-2 am—live jazz, live DJ, fashion show, raffle, special guests—Susie Bright, Pal Califia, Carol Queen—and more! Don't miss! Proceeds benefit the Women's Cancer Research Center. Come celebrate ten years of sex positive sucess! At Club Townsend, 177 Townsend St, SF. Info: (800) 486-9650.

"Strange Fruits," at Josie's Cabaret, a presentation of Asian AIDS Project's Love Like This Theatre. See 9/23.

Erotic Dance at the Victoria Theatre, see 9/16.

SEP 23 / T H U

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

At Cody's Books: Authors Paul M. Sniderman & Thomas Piazza discuss their new book, *The Scar of Race*, an articulation of how racial issues have become entangled with politics and can now be divided into several distinct political agendas, each with its own relationship to prejudice, ideology and values of fairness & initiative. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Paulo Coelho, best-selling Brazilian author, reads from his novel *The Alchemist*, the story of a young boy who follows his dreams & discovers the treasure of life. This book has been on Brazil's bestseller list for four years! 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Hilton Oberzinger reads from *Cannibal Eliot & the Lost Histories of San Francisco*, his collection of fictional first-person accounts depicting life in SF from the early European settlement in 1776 to the earthquake of 1906. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At A Clean, Well-Lighted Place for Books: Mystery writer John Straley reads from his new novel, *The Curious Eat Themselves*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

"Everything You Wanted to Know About Group Marriages: Diversity in Multi-Adult Relationships..." a talk with Dr Deborah Anapol at BABN's (Bay Area Bisexual Network) community forum covering polyfidelity, open group marriages, triads & other group arrangements from a bisexual perspective. 7:30-9:30 pm, $3-5. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. WA. Info: BABN voicemail, 564-BABN.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Romance—How to ignite the spark & keep the fire burning. All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649.

Betty Freidan, author of *The Feminine Mystique*, opens Osher Marin Jewish Community Center's "Conversations" series with an evening lecture on her latest groundbreaking work, *The Fountain of Age*. 8 pm, $12 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs. 200 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael. Info/res: 479-2000.

"Strange Fruits," Asian AIDS Project's Love Like This Theatre presents a new bold comedy exploring the darker side of life, death & sexuality from the gay Asian/Pacific Islander's perspective. Play explores the impact of HIV in the Asian/Pacific Islander communities thru a series of vignettes. Plays Wed-Sun thru 9/26. 8 pm. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

Erotic Dance at the Victoria Theatre with the Frisco Dancers. New group of nine professional women erotic dancers present a series of erotic dance concerts featuring diverse styles of erotic dance ranging from classic burlesque to the latest hip hop moves, with music ranging from Miles Davis to the Beatles and Paul Simon, from the Grateful Dead to Prince, Ted Nugent & Motorhead. Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm thru 9/26. Tix $12.50. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS. Tix available at door one hour before concert. No full nudity, however concert is for adults only. 2961 16th St (btwn Mission & South Van Ness), SF.

Club Ebony, a Nubia Production for Women, with DJ Evol-E at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm, $3. Info: 282-3325.

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On Exhibit at the de Young: "Viewpoints XXI: Politics & Populism: 20th Century Mexican Prints & Drawings from the Achenbach Foundation for the Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/12. "Xochitl in Cuicat/Flower Song: Ten Nahuatl Poems from 16th Century Chronicles with Monoprints by Gustavo Ramos Rivera," exhibit on view thru 9/12. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit of Art Nouveau style clothing; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "New York Photographs by Judith Joy Ross," on exhibit 9/16-11/28. "The Young Rebel in American Photography, 1950-1970," exhibit of work by Diane Arbus, Larry Clark, Bruce Davidson, Larry Fink, Robert Frank, Lee Friedlander, William Gale Gedney, Allen Ginsberg, Danny Lyon & Josephine Sterling, on exhibit 9/21-1/30. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Oakland Museum: "Sono Osato: Oakland Drawers," sculptural installation created from found objects, based on the artist's research into the history of the city of Oakland, thru 10/2. "Imogen Cunningham: Ideas Without End," thru 9/19. "Alphabets, Bobbins & Cross-stich: Samplers & Needlework Tools from the Collections of the Oakland Museum," exhibit features various types of samplers—embroidery, needlepoint, crewel & tambour work, knitting, darning, crochet, tatting and lace—that were part of a young girl's preparation for her domestic role from Colonial times thru the Industrial Revolution; on exhibit 9/18-1/2. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-7 pm. 1000 Oak St at 10th (one block from Lake Merritt BART, five blocks from highways 880 & 980). Admission free unless noted. Info: (510) 238-3948.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Prophetic Quest: 75th Anniversary of Jacob Landau," exhibit honors the 75th birthday of this famed artist; thru 9/19. "Evolution of an Artist," photos & prints by EM Lilien; thru 9/19. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Kiki Gallery: "Carcass," an exhibit of dead animal imagery as seen thru the eyes of 12 artists (no living animals were harmed in any way to produce the art in this exhibition). Varied works include video, photography, assemblage & taxidermy from a nationwide selection of arts. 9/10-26, artists' reception 9/10, 5-8 pm. Hrs: Fri-Sun, noon-8 pm. 483 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 863-KIKI.

The Mexican Museum: "Gronk! A Living Survey: 1973-1993," works on exhibit thru 11/21. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info: 202-9700.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Eadweard Muybridge & the Photographic Panorama of SF, 1850-1880," on exhibit thru 10/24. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-5 pm; 1st Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Sculptures by Harry Tanner at Jaguar Adult Books. Galleries has info.

Art Rock Gallery: "The Next Generation," an exhibit of neopsychedelic art by Mike Dubois, MIKIO and William Giese. Thru 9/11. 1153 Mission St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-6 pm Tues-Sat. Info: 255-7390.

Asian Art Museum: "Earth Bones: Strange Rocks from the Collection of Ian & Susan Wilson," exhibit of *guaishi* ("strange rocks"), thru 9/12. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit Hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.

Christensen Heller Gallery: Group show featuring porcelain masks by Martin Grantham, painted quilt hangings by Emmanuelle Curtet, fanciful furniture by Nadine Gay & Pierre Curtet and clay masks by Jane Fusek. 5831 College Ave, Oakl. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-6 pm. Info: (510) 655-5952.

Bayfront Gallery: "The Bizen Sonata," 90-piece multicultural & multimedia exhibit of Pacific Rim Art, directed by Dr Ronald Phillip Tanaka. On exhibit thru 9/26. Hrs: noon-5 pm daily and in the evenings during performances at the Cowell Theater. Ft Mason Center, Building A, SF. Info: 441-5706.

E'space Gallery: "Evidence," recent works by LA artists Tom Dolan and Kevin White, on exhibit thru 9/26. 520 Hayes St at Octavia, SF. Info: 861-4675.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: "Putting the Pieces Together," exhibit of patchwork quilts by a culturally diverse group of craftswomen, on exhibit 9/16-11/13, opening reception 9/16, 5:30-7:30 pm. "100 Years/100 Pictures: Chronicles of One Man's Life," an installation exhibit by Susan Hyde Brand, portraying the life of a Russian emigre, Aron Tomaroff. Exhibit runs 9/16-11/13, opening reception 9/16, 5:30-7:30 pm. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm, Thurs till 9 pm, Sat 10 am-1 pm. Free admission, donations welcome. 1408 Mission Ave at "E" St, downtown San Rafael. Info: 485-3327.

Gallery on the Rim: Paintings, drawings & poetry by Eileen Baker on exhibit thru 9/28, artist's reception 9/12, 2-5 pm. "A Sentimental Journey," works on paper & canvas by Andre Martens, on exhibit 10/1-14, opening reception 10/1, 5:30-8:30 pm. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

Ghia Gallery: "Behold Her: Exploring Female Body Image & Beauty," exhibit presented by The Beauty Project, a group of women artists exploring female issues of body image, beauty & aging. Exhibit includes works by Emily Duffy, Melissa Ehrenreich, Joanna Katz, Ines Kramer, Loir Kossowsky, Liz Maxwell, Patricia Montgomery, Barbara Morris, Teresa Smith, Kerry Vandermeer & Lorraine Weglarz. Exhibit runs 9/10-10/30, opening reception 9/10, 7-9 pm, artists' talk 10/1 at 7 pm. 2648 3rd St at 23rd, SF. Info: 282-2832.

The Lab Gallery: "Spur," an audio installation by Ed Osborn, part of "Earshot," a series of sound and sight works. Exhibit runs thru 10/2. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

Maxwell Galleries, Ltd: "Landscape of the West: Paintings by Maynard Dixon & Other Western Artists," on exhibit 9/17-10/30. Opening reception 9/17, 5:30-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Fri 9:30 am-5:15 pm, Sat 11 am-5 pm. 551 Sutter St, SF. Info: 421-5193.

Morphos Gallery: "Mobility," an installation by Elliott Linwood, thru 9/15. "Jayne Shor: Threads," solo exhibit of mixed media constructions exploring the relationship between her painterly interpretation of landscape, the environmental crisis & deteriorating social interaction; 9/17-10/20. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-0368.

Robert Dana Gallery: "Serendipitious Landscapes" work by Italian artist Giovanni Mancini, on exhibit 9/10-10/3, opening reception 9/10, 6-8 pm. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Nina Glaser: New York," photos of nudes exploring universal themes of life, death, love & alienation; on exhibit 9/9-10/23. "Tom Marioni: Color Photograms," on exhibit 9/9-10/23. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "Dress/Code," exhibit features 13 visual & 4 media artists examining issues of gender & identity; 9/23-10/23. "SF Jazz Festival," photos of jazz legends, organized by photographer Lee Tanner, 10/29-11/14. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

SF Camerawork: "said things," an investigation of oral traditions & storytelling in our hybridized society, by Ann Chamberlain and "genealogical bewilderment," an installation by Kim Yasuda examining adoptee issues. Both exhibits run 9/9-10/9, opening reception 9/10, 6-8 pm. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Unknown Africa: Selections from the Collection of Dan Crowley," exhibit of rare & unusual African art, 10/30-1/2. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

Soft Touch Gallery: Paintings & drawings by Jeff Culberson on exhibit thru 9/30. Opening reception 9/10, 4:30-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. 1580 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-3279.

Somar Gallery: "Healing Arts," exhibit to promote healing thru art, and to benefit Project Open Hand. Opening reception 9/21, 5-10 pm, $10 suggested donation, includes light buffet & music. Exhibit runs thru 9/23. Hrs: Daily, 10 am-5 pm. $5 suggested door donation. 934 Brannan St, SF.

University Art Museum: "Gertrude Jekyll: Private Gardens, Vanishing Arts," thru 9/19 at Theater Gallery. Several garden tours plus film screening & lectures to be held in conjunction with this exhibit, please call for details. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Victoria Room Gallery: "Prehistoric," a group exhibit rooted in skewed visions of contemporary cultural history. Work by Timothy Buckwalter, Liz Ferran, Meg Mack, Peter Mitchell-Dayton, Randy Moore, Tim O'Toole and Samantha Simpson. 9/18-10/2, opening reception 9/18, 1-5 pm. Hrs: Sat & Sun, 1-5 pm, Thurs 4-8 pm. 180 6th St at Howard, SF. Info: 255-0364.

Vision Gallery: Selection of photographs by Robert Dawson from his "Mono Lake Series," "The Great Central Valley Project," and "The Water in the West Project," thru 10/23, opening reception 9/9, 6-8 pm. Photos by Oliva Parker, on exhibit thru 10/23, opening reception 9/9, 6-8 pm. "The Big Picture," a group show, 9/2-10/23, opening reception 9/9, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Vorpal Gallery: "What's New?" exhibit of works by 40 artists from SF & NY galleries. Runs thru 9/18. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

MACE Space for Art: JoeSam solo exhibit, mixed media & sculpture on exhibit thru 10/9. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Richmond Art Center: "Issues & Objects: Northern California Craft in the 1990s," on exhibit thru 9/12. "John Haley: A Retrospective," 9/22-11/21, opening reception 9/22, 5-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

New Langton Arts Gallery: "Black Box/White Box" and "My Calling Card," installations by Adrian Piper on confronting issues of race and racial stereotypes. 9/15-10/16, opening reception 9/17, 6-8 pm, opening party 8-10 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

"SexArt 3," group show on sex, sexuality & eroticism. Exhibit of work by 22 artists, including Michael Rosen, Mariette Pathy Allen, Tee Corinne, Rick Castro, Scott Taylor and Stanley Stellar. Work covers all genders, all orientations & all sexual styles, from the sensual to the outrageous, the pleasant to the shocking. Opening reception 9/10, 7-11 pm. Runs Sat & Sun, 9/11-26, and thru 10/3 by appointment. Mark I. Chester's Folsom Gallery, 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info: 544-1136.

Erotic Sculpture by Harry Tanner on exhibit 9/8-11/22 at Jaguar Adult Books, 4057 18th St (in the Castro), SF. Info: 863-4777.

"Interconnections," an exhibit of sculptures in clay by Lois Need and works on paper by Susan Need Canavarro. Thru 9/30 at The Family Gallery, Duncan Mills (on the Russian River, hwy 116, 6 miles from Jenner). Info: (707) 865-1540.

"Neo-Psychedelic Organic Fantasy Artwork," by Frederick Campbell Hovey, on exhibit thru 10/5 at Sweet Inspiration, 2239 Market St, SF. Info: 761-9246.

"Evil & Medieval," exhibit of work by mosaic artist Diana Rossi & metalsmith Heidi Nahser at Velvet da Vinci Gallery. Opening reception 9/10, 7-9 pm. 508 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-7478.

"An Invisible Life: A View into the World of a 120-Year-Old Man," an exhibit by Fred Wilson at Haas-Lilienthal House, 2007 Franklin St, SF. Thurs-Sat, free; Wed-Sun $4 (includes tour of house). Exhibit runs thru 10/3, artist's talk on 9/18 at 2 pm, admission free.

"Women En Large," exhibit of nude photos by Laurie T. Edison, on exhibit at Good Vibrations thru 9/31. Info: 974-8980.

"The Intense Warmth of Brazil," an exhibit of 17 color photographs by David Whitman, focusing on the children & young adults he met during recent visits to the states of Bahia and Rio de Janeiro. Thru 11/1 at the Musical Offering, 2430 Bancroft Way, Berkeley (across from UC Berkeley [illegible] Hall).

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Why We Have A Body by Claire Chafee. Chafee's hit play, a humorous exploration of female myths & relationships (including an affair between a married woman and a lesbian private investigator) has been extended for a third time. Play runs Wed-Sun at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 10/3. Bayfront Theater, Ft Mason Bldg B, SF. Third floor. Tix $17-23 gen'l, srs & stdnts $12. Info/res: 441-8822.

Twyla's Boy by Charles E Polly. Play about growing up gay in Appalachia. Humorous, poetic & intimate story of one rural family's clashes with issues of identity, single motherhood & homosexuality. Eastenders Repertory production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 9/19 at Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $13 Fri & Sat. Info/res: (510) 841-6510.

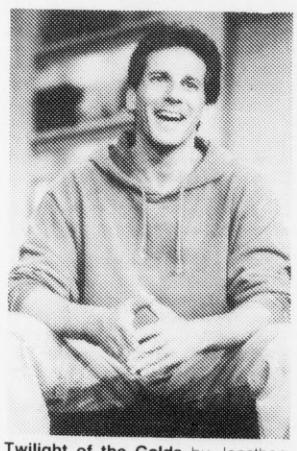
Bewitched, the Play: Show brings modern themes into the hexy TV series, bringing "Bewitched" into the '90s. Darrin constantly torments Samantha about expressing her natural self, but Samantha finally takes back some power. Neptune productions. Play runs thru 9/28 at 8 pm at New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 861-8972.

Metropolis improv comedy group presents a panorama of unique characters, scenes & songs at Marina Music Hall. Sat, 8:30 pm, thru 10/30. Tix $8. Info/res: 563-2496. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, 2nd fl, SF.

The Cereal Killers, a rock opera written by D'Arcy Drollinger. Pop trio Enrique stars in the world premiere of this rock opera, described as "the Rocky Horror Show meets Bye Bye Birdie." The plot centers around Junior Jones, a lonely adolescent whose only companions are his estranged mother and his 24" color TV set. His life changes when he enters a TV contest and is thrust into the surreal world of television. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, with a special midnight show on Fri, thru 9/21. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St at Octavia, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 626-5455.

Quartermaine's Terms by Simon Gray. Play follows the varying fortunes of the students & staff of a school teaching English to foreign students during the '60s. Chamber Theater production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm thru 9/19. Tix $15 gen'l, $13 Sundays. Phoenix Theatre, 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 931-6011.

Loverguys, three funny, sexy one-on-one-acts about love, sex, marriage and other acts of terrorism, by Ricardo Garufi ("Honeymoon Suite"), David Demchuk ("Touch") and Christopher Wiley ("An Appointment with Mr Hugo"). Theatre Rhinoceros production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 9/19 at Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 861-5079.



Twilight of the Golds by Jonathan Tolins. Rich blend of comedy & chilling science fiction—the story of the Golds, a loving family forced to confront issues of bigotry, evolution & unconditional love as they debate the fate of an unborn child determined by genetic testing to be gay. Play runs Tues-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 4 & 9 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 9/19. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St at Mason, SF. Info/res: 771-6900.

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Poetomachia by Amy Freed. The story of a match made in hell, the tumultous relationship between two emotionally unbalanced poets. SF Theatre Project production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm, thru 10/3 at the Magic Theatre Southside, Building D, 3rd fl, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 474-8855.

Solo Mio 4: Acclaimed festival of renowned & emerging solo performance artists, runs 9/12-10/17 at Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Center, SF; Magic Theatre/Northside, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF and Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Tix range from $8-22, call City Box Office for info/res: 392-4400. All listed events are at 8 pm. **Cowell Theatre Schedule—9/12:** SF native Danny Glover teams up with Felix Justice to present "An Evening with Langston & Martin," a prose/poetry reading, with hot gospel by the Interfaith Choir. Proceeds benefit the Bayview Opera House & Fellowship Theatre Guild. **9/13:** Bill Talen & Joegh Bullock host a Solo Mio award ceremony, with special performance by Tony Award-winner BD Wong. Anne Galjour ("Hurricane") receives this year's award. **9/15-19, 10/13-17:** Spalding Gray brings his latest monologue, "Gray's Anatomy" to the Cowell. **9/23-26, 10/7-10:** Josh Kornbluth ("Red Diaper Baby") presents a new monologue about calculus, "The Mathematics of Change." **9/30-10/3 at 8 pm:** Annie Sprinkle, porn star-turned-performance artist, presents "Post Post Porn Modernist," a work charting her evolution from middle-class West Coast Jewish girl Ellen Steinberg to sex industry professional to sexual performance artist.

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Magic Theatre/Northside Schedule—9/22-26: Marga Gomez performs her acclaimed monologue, "Memory Tricks," a poignant reflection on her eccentric upbringing in Harlem. **10/1-3:** Anne Galjour reprises her acclaimed show, "Hurricane." **Climate Theatre Schedule—9/14-18:** Mark Broyard & Roger Guenveur Smith's "Inside the Creole Mafia," a show about "intra-racial conflict, the madness of Mardi Gras & the proper way to make cafe au lait." An examination of Creole culture thru music & performance, includes nightly pre-show Creole buffet. **9/22-25:** Gay Latino performance artist Luis Alfaro presents "Speaking in Tongues," a one-man, multi-character, multi-cultural look at walking the line between the macho Latino world and the world of a gay man. **9/29-10/2:** Ernesto Ravetto presents "La Perla," a tale about contemporary Latin America. **10/6-9:** Amy Hill's "Beside Myself," explores coming to grips with a multiethnic background. Hill was born poor to a Japanse war-bride mother & a Finnish American father, and raised among upper middle class European Americans. **10/13-16:** Corey Fischer & Nina Wise present "Unforseen—Improvisations with Corey Fischer & Nina Wise."

Porcelain by Chay Yew. Play uses prism-like vocal & visual montage to dissect the case of a young Chinese student accused of murdering his Caucasian lover in a public London restroom and the issues of racism, homophobia, betrayal loss & loneliness raised by a court psychologist's investigation. A poetic journey thru a deadly crime of passion. Theatre Rhino production. Play previews 9/9 & 10, runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, Sat matinee at 5 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm, thru 10/16. 9/8 performance benefits the Asian AIDS Project of SF (tix $10-20). Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St at Mission, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Dancing at Lughnasa by Brian Friel. Tony Award-winning drama set in Ireland in the summer of 1936: Change is in the air—electricity is newly available, a wayward father comes to call, a priestly uncle returns from the heart of tribal Africa somewhat altered, and the Mundy sisters dance to all kinds of music on their new radio. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Play runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Sat matinee at 2 pm on 9/11, 25 & 10/9, Thurs matinee at 2 pm on 9/16 & 30 & 10/14. Play closes 10/22 at 8 pm. Tix $20-32.50. Info/res: (510) 845-4700. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St at Shattuck, Berkeley.

Playboy of the Western World by JM Synge. One of the masterpieces of Irish theatre, first performed in 1907 (resulting in an audience riot), play is a great comic brawl, relating the story of Playboy's passage to manhood & the miraculous scrapes he maneuvers along the way. Tour de Force Theatre Co. Plough & the Stars, 116 Clement St, SF. Runs 2:30 and 8 pm on Mon thru 9/27. Tix $15 includes one beverage. The Plough & the Stars, 116 Clement St, SF.

Eleemosynary by Lee Blessing. A funny, haunting play, the story of three archetypal women, their generational conflicts & the mythic forces that unite them. Theatre Valentine production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 9/9-10/2. Tix $9.95. Info/res: 267-7616.

Shakespeare Under the Stars: Marin Shakespeare Company produces another night of theater under the stars at Forest Meadows. "The Tempest," runs thru 9/19—Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 4 pm. Info/res: 456-8104. Tix $15 gen'l, stdnts & srs $12.

Edmond by David Mamet. Play takes a complex, insightful look at the increase in random acts of unforeseen violence. Play runs 9/10-10/3, Fri-Sun at 8 pm. Preview 9/8 & 9 at 8 pm. Tix $10. Sea Theatre Co production. New Shelton Theatre, 533 Sutter St off Powell, SF. Info/res: 564-7153.

Patrick Murphy is Not Promiscuous Scenes from the life of a sexworker, written & performed by Gregory O'Neill, based on his experience going from paralegal to whore "as a means of supporting my habit—creative expression." Show runs two nights only, 9/17-18 at 10:30 pm at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St nr 22nd, SF. $8. Info/res: 641-0235.

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The White Devil by John Webster. Satiric tragedy written in 1610. This production is set in the 1920s, centering around a sexy, murky world of deception, intrigue & murder. Play runs Thurs-Sat, thru 9/25 at 8 pm. Play is the final production by Bindlestiff Productions, the acclaimed local theatre group. Bindlestiff is closing due to financial difficulties brought on by the prolonged recession. Bindlestiff Theatre, 185 6th St at Howard, SF. Tix $7. Info/res: 974-1167.

Candide, Leonard Bernstein's masterpiece based on Voltaire's classic satire of mindless optimism. Diablo Light Opera Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 10/9. Tix $18.50 gen'l, $16 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 943-SHOW. Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek.

Crazy for You, Tony Award-winning Gershwin musical, a 1930s fast-paced play in Broadway's boy-gets-girl tradition, with everyone in love with the wrong person. Play runs thru 10/16 at Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St (Market & Golden Gate Ave), SF. Info/res: (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

City of Angels, hilarious musical comedy with lyrics by David Zippel, music by Cy Coleman, book by Larry Gelbart. Palo Alto Players production. Previews 9/10, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, thru 10/2. Sun 9/12 & 19 at 2:30 pm, Sun 9/26 at 7 pm. Tix $12 preview, $16-18 regular performances, $20 opening night gala. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Info/res: 329-2623.

Tally's Folly by Lanford Wilson. Pulitzer Prize-winning play, a no-holds-barred romantic story rendered with compassion & humor. Dinnertainment Theater production. Three-course dinner & play: $29.95/person. 101 South Ellsworth Ave, San Mateo. Info/res: 342-2282.

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The Marriage of Bette & Boo by Christopher Durang. Comic masterpiece chronicles the trials & tribulations of an American Catholic family thru matrimony, child-bearing, alcoholism, divorce & decay over a 30-year period. Cyclorama Productions. Runs 9/10, 11-12, 17-19 at 8 pm. Tix $10. Limited seating, call 267-3923 for res. The Y Theatre, 220 Golden Gate Ave, SF.

Love, Sex & the IRS by Van Zandt & Millmore. When two male roommates file their tax returns as a married couple they set off an outrageous series of events & frantic antics. Menlo Players Guild production. Opens 9/11, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 10/2, Sat matinee on 9/19 at 2:30 pm. Tix $12 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs on Fri & Sat; $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs on Thurs & Sun. Burgess Theater, 601 Laurel St, Menlo Park. Res: 329-2623.

Theatre Flamenco opens a new season of Spanish dance with a concert at SF State University's McKenna Theater. Thurs-Sat 9/23-25 at 8 pm, 9/26 at 2 pm. Tix $18 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. $16 includes special champagne gala on 9/25. Info/res: 392-4400.

The Garden Project: MacFarland/Whistler DanceArt Company present dance, music & landscape architecture to explore human perceptions of and relationships to man-made environments. Co-produced with Theater Artaud. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 8 & 2 pm, 9/16-19. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $12.50. Box Office: 621-7797.

Rude Awakenings, three one-act plays for our time, by Ellen George, Gavin Impett & Daniel Curzon. Above Board Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 9/16-10/9. Tix $5. Info/res: 206-0106. Clara Studio, 200 Clara St (nr 5th & Harrison), SF.

Arthur & Leila by Cherylene Lee. Leila Chin-Abernathy is a pillar in the Chinese American community with a successful husband, wealth, prestige, and just one problem—a blackmailing older brother. Play presents a humorous & delicate rendering of an odd yet symbiotic relationship between an aging brother & sister in search of their family legacy. Brava! For Women in the Arts production. Previews 9/27 & 29, opens 10/30, runs Wed-Sun thru 11/21 at 8 pm, 2 pm Sun. Bayfront Theatre, Bldg B, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 776-8999. Tix $11-15.

Moral Heights by Howard Stone. Take a little trip to the mythical town of Dishing (Arkansas/Tennessee) where the entire population gathers in the kitchen of Bubba Proctor to watch "Moral Heights," everyone's favorite soap opera and guiding light. Dover production. Runs Mon nights in Sept at 8 pm, starting 9/13. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. 8 pm, $7. Info/res: 626-KILL. Open-ended run.

Pageant, off-Broadway musical spoof of a beauty contest, produced by Alyssia & Audrey DiFilippo, continues its SF run at Post Street Palace Theatre, 450 Post St, SF, thru 10/3. Play follows six finalists in the Miss Glamouresse Beauty Contest—Miss Industrial Northwest, Miss Bible Belt, Miss Texas, Miss Deep South, Miss West Coast and Miss Great Plains—as they attempt to qualify in evening gown, swimsuit & talent competition. Runs Tues-Thurs at 8:30 pm, Fri & Sat at 7 & 10 pm, Sun at 3 & 8 pm. Info/res: 989-SHOW.

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► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs. 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm, First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund. A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation. Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room. 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info call 346-5860.

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181.

Kaiser-San Francisco offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

Kaiser Oakland offers support & education groups on a variety of HIV issues. (HIV-positive gay men's group, HIV-positive women's group, public education forum, couples, family & friends HIV support group, potluck socials). All groups meet 6:30-8 pm. For days & other info call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6337. Childcare is available for some groups. For info on the monthly HIV forum call Joe Di Milia, HIV Health Educator, at 596-6848.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF: Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave. Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

AIDS Project of Contra Costa offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education & volunteer training opportunities. Info: (510) 356-AIDS. 2280 Diamond Blvd, Concord 94520.

San Mateo County AIDS Program provides HIV prevention services, testing & counseling, early intervention, primary care, social services, support groups, a drop-in center for people with HIV and clinical trials. Safer Sex Patrol volunteers do gay outreach. Multicultural. 3700 Edison St, San Mateo. Info: 573-2588. Mon-Fri, 8 am-5 pm. Volunteers are welcome!

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1:1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers. Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877.

Home Care Companions, Inc offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection. Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Opening screening for "Forbidden Love" at the Castro Theatre on Sept. 10 features a special guest appearance by lesbian pulp novelist Ann Bannon, who will be signing copies of her novel at A Different Light Bookstore on Sept. 11 at 11 am.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project. Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV + Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF. 2nd floor. 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Asian American Communities Against AIDS: Provides counseling, referrals & case management services to the Asian/Pacific Islander communities in SF. Chinese, Pilipino, Japanese & Vietnamese individuals are encouraged to call & discuss issues around sex, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Free & confidential. Info: 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Qi Gong Instruction offered at low charge ($1 per class) to SF residents with HIV/AIDS by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Qi gong is a excercise/meditation practice from China which helps cultivate vitality & build endurance. Classe held Mon & Wed mornings, 11 am-noon at the ACTCM Community Clinic, 450 Connecticut St on Potrero Hill in SF. Instructor: Charles Alston, LAc. Info/reg: 282-9603. Space limited.

Ongoing poetry workshop for HIV positive gay men. Thurs 3-5 pm. Info/location: Darrell 221-8779.

Stop AIDS Mtg for men 50 & older. Meet other gay & bisexual men your age at a free, one-time, informal meeting to talk about safe sex; confidentially share your feelings, ideas & knowledge about AIDS and the effect it is having on us. Meetings are pro-gay & sex-positive, and designed to show us that we can still carry on sexual relationships. Info/reg: 621-7177.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex; coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV. Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

The Hearing Society of the Bay Area

provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5870 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD)

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9"×6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox therapy for alcohol/drug withdrawal for HIV-positive/PWA gay men. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

Pyramid Ridge Wellness Ctr: Scenic retreat focused on HIV healing. Offers private sessions & workshops. Uses effective energy technique that is non-invasive & non-biological. Fee based on ability to pay. Info: Carol Hannum (707) 869-0985.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV+ African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

Free Acupuncture & Herbal Treatment Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation, thru funding provided by the Ryan White Care Grant. Free services offered to HIV positive people of color. Individuals with a history of substance abuse are also welcome. Services for people with other medical problems are available at nominal fee. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 7 am-2:45 pm. Info: 822-8200.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

Positive Resource, Inc: Nonprofit job referral service for people who are HIV positive. Organization provides a pool of skilled personnel to corporations, small businesses & individuals who require temporary & permanent employees. Info: Dori 928-1448.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

Veterans with HIV: You're not alone! Join fellow vets for an evening support group, camping trips & other social activities—free! Group meets at the VA clinic in Oakland, nr 12th St BART Station and all the bus lines. Both Eastbay & SF vets are welcome, the staff is very gay/lesbian-friendly! Info: Mike Rankin, MD (510) 273-7331.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.

Discover Your Right Livelihood Group: Talk about career goals & interests in a safe, anonymous 12-Step environment. DA/ACA Right Livelihood Meeting. 6:45 pm Mon at the Dry Dock, 2118 Greenwich St at Fillmore, SF. On the 22 Fillmore & the 43 Masonic Muni lines.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) services for people recovering from drugs and alcohol, see Health.

18th Street Services helps SF gay/bi men with alcohol/drug problems get clean & sober. Group/individual counseling. 217 Church St at Market, SF. Info: 861-4898.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. This is a closed meeting, please call (707) 528-9216 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Free Drop-in Group for lesbians, gay men and bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Group meets Thurs 7-8 pm. Get info, support & referral for substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern). 1853 Market St, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 TTY: 252-8376.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides individual & group counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems, who are taking psychiatric medications, and/or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one denied services because of inability to pay. For info/intake appt: 626-7000. TTY: 252-8376. 1853 Market St, SF. WA.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: Umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

Bay Area Bisexual Women's Network: A loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter listing social activities & events as well as dates, times & discussion topics for support groups, write S, the Editor, PO Box 9388, San Rafael 94912.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 1-3 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Ingrid 775-2620.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Eastbay Bi Women's Social Group meets at the Tea Spot in Berkeley on Thurs, 7-9 pm. Info: Judith (510) 528-5331.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Peninsula Bi-Guys group for men into male bonding, beach parties, massage, hot springs, houseboat trips, bicycling, hiking, dining out, theater, cards, games & great conversation. Info: Roger 369-1610 or PO Box 610071, Redwood City, 94061.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Marin Bisexual Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin on 1st & 3rd Wed of each month. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Jewish Bi's meet once per month for support/rap group. Alternate Eastbay/SF locations. Group does events for Jewish Bi's only, and also events for the entire Bi community & friends. Plus education on anti-Semitism & biphobia in the B/L/G communities and biphobia/homophobia education in the organized Jewish community. Info: Jim (415) 337-4566 or Susan (510) 528-7139.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

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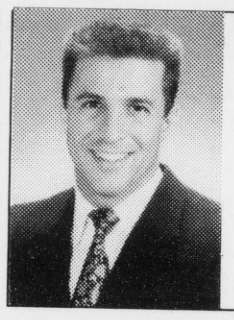

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► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay & Lesbian GOP Anthology: Gay & lesbian Republicans are encouraged to submit essays for a forthcoming anthology to be published by Alyson Publications in 1994. Anthology is being edited by Log Cabin Club president Rich Tafel. Personal stories, history, political perspectives & strategies are welcome. Send SASE to Rich Tafel, 21 Kirkland St, Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline: 9/30.

Quuer Literary Review: New bi-annual art & literary publication focusing on queer life seeks line art, poems, commentary & short stories. 5 poems max per submission, short stories limited to 3000 words. Submit copies of artwork, not originals. Anonymous submissions allowed, but discouraged. Include SASE for return of work. Mail submissions to: QLR, PO Box 60931, Palo Alto 94306-0931. Deadline: 10/31.

The Next Step: Out from Under, Volume Two—Call for submissions from lesbians who are "old-timers" in recovery, for a new anthology focusing on lesbians in recovery from a variety of addictions, with a focus on later stage (eight-plus years) recovery. Any style/format and recovery program considered. Send SASE for guidelines to Jean Swallow, OFU2 Editor, 2404 California St #27, SF CA 94115. Deadline: 11/1.

Bearing the Unbearable: Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS. Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.

Lesbian Sexual Abuse/Incest Survivors: Submissions and ideas sought for an anthology being produced on issues facing survivors. For details contact Lara Michelle at 165 Beaver St **#, SF 94114.**

Listen To This... seeks stories, photos, art or journal entries for an anthology of real-life experiences of gay, bi & questioning young people. Confidentiality assured. Write: Listen To This... 2215-R Market ST, Box 112, SF 94114 or call 641-5896.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge Alternative Dyke Space offers fun & games, music, conversation, etc for women in an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For event schedule see Main Calendar listings. 4035 18th St, SF (one block from Castro).

Please check the "Hobbies" section for related groups.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF. Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**. Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox therapy for alcohol/drug withdrawal. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Single Lesbian Dogwalkers Group for single gay females with dog(s). Come meet others! Meet 1st & 3rd Sun at 11 as at Ft Funston, near the hang glider's bench. Info: Freddi 757-0142.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model in intimate home/studio setting. Tues, 7-9:30 pm. 1229 Folsom St, btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Call 621-6294 for reservations. Inquiries also accepted from men interested in modeling.

Greening the Mountain: Work party group for residents of the Castro, Haight & Buena Vista neighborhoods (everyone welcome). Group removes invasive shrubs & weedy plants on the Corona Heights hilltop (one of the last remaining native grasslands in SF). Meet last Sat of each month, 10 am-noon on the front steps of the Randall Museum, off Roosevelt Ave btwn 14th & 17th Sts. Bring work gloves, liquids & snacks. Info: Tom 252-0651.

Men's Nude Drawing Group: For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.

Dark Shadows Society: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends, celebrate the lives, times & deaths of

Kim Baker performs at the Tea Spot Cafe in Berkeley on Sept. 11. See Calendar for details.

Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

Quicktricks: America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual International Folkdancing Group meets Tues, 7:30-9:30 at Eureka Valley Recreational Center on Collingwood St in the Castro, SF. Learn mostly line dances from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Israel, Canada, Scandanavia, etc. Beginners are welcome! No partner needed. Teaching 7:30-, dancing 8-9:30. Info: Jim 585-9784. Group is about evenly split, male & female.

Gay Macintosh Users Group meets every 4th Mon: 7 pm social, 7:30 pm program. Nonprofit. Everyone welcome! New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 552-GMUG.

Amazon Sewing Circle Stich & Bitch Group. For lesbians and gay men in the Eastbay. Info: Boadecia's Books, (510) 559-9184.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information: Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacific Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs, lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members. walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing: a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135, 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Lesbian Adoptees: For information on available resources, contact Amy Jane Cheney, 647-1492.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Codependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

LYRIC Youth Talkine for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under). Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous: 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors ACA Mtg: Women & men share all aspects of healing from ritual abuse. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info.

Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. Meet monthly to sit, write, share. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.

SIA: Unrestricted discussion with main focus on ritual abuse. Group meets every Mon, 6-7:30 pm at Pacific Center. Mixed group, m/f. Info: Tina (510) 845-1801.

Lesbian Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group meets weekly to share healing & support. Longterm group meets Wed eves. Free. Not a drop-in group. Call (510) 534-9928 for info.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

Peninsula Battered Lesbian & Bisexual Women Support Group: Free, confidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne, Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.

Battered Lesbian Support Group for lesbian & bisexual women who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their relationships. 8-wk group is focused on supporting women to begin the healing process & learn to have loving, safe relationships. Info/res: Alison McKenzie or Mary Lee Gates at Marin Abused Women's Services 457-2464.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Services for Battered Women: Counseling, referrals & support for women who have survived domestic violence. Free & bilingual (Eng/Span). Call Cristina at 552-2943 for info.

Servicios Para Mujueres Maltratadas: Consejo individual, recomendaciones a recursos comunitarios y apoyo para jujreres que han sobrevivido la violencia domestica. Servicios son gratuitos y bilingues esp/ing. Llame a Cristina a 552-2943 para mas informacion.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult

adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.
Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.
Pregnant Now Group: Free group for lesbian singles/couples, who are pregnant now & want to meet for networking, support & fun. Info: Judy 821-9745.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

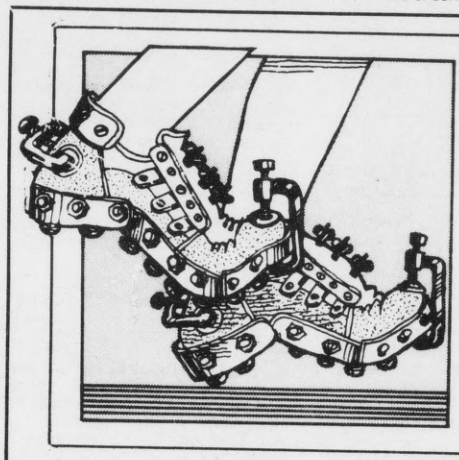
Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Zebra Brigade: Social organization for Black and white lesbian couples. Mtgs in SF & Eastbay. For more info call (510) 528-9429.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
African American Lesbian Network meets in SF. For info/location call 824-8731.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
APBS: African American Designers: Collective of African-American fashion designers, see Professional Groups.
Free Acupuncture Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation for HIV positive people of color, see AIDS Resources for details.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed. 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.
Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Vietnamese Lesbians' Group (VLG): Support group for Vietnamese lesbians & bi women, and Vietnamese women questioning their sexuality. Monthly mtgs, lots of food, fun & friends. Confidentiality respected. Info: (415) 575-3934 or (510) 676-3652.
Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Elliot 564-7199.
Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.
African-American Young Men: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.
Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenous women writers—see Performance & Writing Groups.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.
Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.
Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenuous women writers who want to meet other Native women writers & share words and support, resources & knowledge about writing & publishing. Group is one of many regional writers circles forming, inspired by the "Returning the Gift" Festival of Native Writers. For more info, write Victoria Lena Manyarrows, 2440 16th St #146, SF 94103 or call 864-3538.
Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.
Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.
Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 540-7007 or JB (510) 601-8115.
Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically insprired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.
Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.
SF Fringe Riders perform country western dance routines at fundraising & gay/lesbian events throughout Calif. Membership in this all-women dance troupe is open to all women who demonsrate dance ability and are intersted in promoting country western dancing. For membership info call (510) 482-1830; for performance or other info call (510) 939-4406 or (415) 647-9670.
931 Cloggers: All-women's clogging team from San Jose. Group performs at rodeos, conventions, SF Freedom Day Parade and many other charity events. Info: Jaci Murray (510) 481-5101.
LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.
Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).
Just A Stage Lesbian & Gay Improv Comedy Theater Group: Wkly open workshops in improv with Just A Stage performers. New members are always welcome! Info: Ed 824-7929.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.
Transgender Nation: A diverse group of transgendered and non-transgendered people united in anger & resolved to directly empower all transgendered people by direct political action. For info call 586-6409 or write 584 Castro St #288, SF 94114.
Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.
Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. Meets 1st Sun & 3rd Wed of every month, 7 pm at 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94110.
ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.
ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.
GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. For info/location call 267-6195.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to



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Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.

Classism Discussion Group for middle-and-upper-class lesbians meets monthly in Oakland. For time/location or more info call Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs. Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers. Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St. #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for gay men, lesbians & bisexuals in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

APB: African-American Designers, a collective of African-American fashion dsigners seek other designers (clothing makers, textile designers, accessory makers, etc. Support groups, resource sharing, networking. Info: 207-6850.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.

Forty Plus: Nonprofit organization of managers & professionals over 40 seeking employment. Meets Mon at 8 am at 7440 Lockheed St, near Oakland International Airport. Presentations by experts in job search or career change. Call (510) 430-2400. Orientation sessions held 10 am each Wed at Forty Plus, San Jose Center, 1250 Aviation Ave, SJ. Call (408) 288-3555 for details. Free. Newcomers are welcome! Info: (510) 430-2400.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA). See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot Luck/Palo Alto meets monthly in our homes. All ages, males, females, singles & couples are welcome for neighborhood socials. Info: Bob 857-9079.

Melting Pot Luck/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Owl, 325-9266.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara or Judy (510) 528-9026.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.

Peninsula Bi Guys Group: See Bisexual.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics include: generation identity, PC, activism, racial issues, TV and gay & lesbian issues. SF location. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Erica 621-6946.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Liz & Sharon 242-0319.

Queer Deadheads gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Social group for women into good food & conversation about the arts. Meets 1st Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

Der Deutsche Freundschaftskreis, a German-speaking potluck social group meets on the 3rd Fri of each month. All levels welcome. Info: Don 329-1438.

Avis Au Public: San Franciscains emmenez votre etendard. Parlons Francais ensemble. Potluck chaque 1 vendredi du mois. Info: 431-6414.

Salon for all persuasions: Immerse mind & heart in casual yet activated discussions of substance. Meetings twice-monthly. All ages welcome. Info: Sheila 824-2468 or Mitchell 861-5673.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Temple Sinai of Oakland congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services: Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat. 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Queer Minyan: Gay/Lesbian Jewish Renewal Group. Combines traditional forms & feelings of prayer with modern outlook. Egalitarian, warm & lighthearted Shabbos celebration, 1st & 3rd Fri of the month. No knowledge or experience necessary. Location/info: 334-8449.

Hartford Zen Center: A Zen Buddhist temple in the heart of the Castro lesbian, gay, bi community. Zazen meditation schedule: morning & evening, Mon-Fri. Meditation & lecture Sat morning. Come learn Zen meditation, benefit yourself & others. Abbott Zenshin Philip Whalen. Info: 863-2507.

Dharma Sisters: Group for lesbian & bi women practicing or interested in any form of Buddhism. Weekly women's sitting, monthly meetings, special events, mutual support. All women are welcome! Info: 826-7990.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info call 974-9878, please leave your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 974-9878.

Tayu Center: a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern gay spiritual adept. Study groups meet 2nd Fri of each month at 7:30 pm in the Eastbay (776 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito), 3rd Tues at 8 pm in Marin (786 Marin Dr, Mill Valley) and last Tues at 8 pm in Sebastopol (898 Daniel St). Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality Circle: Eastbay. Tues 7:30 pm. Free. Info: (510) 444-3337 or (415) 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Dialogues are held every Mon in SF. Call (415) 469-0606 for time, location & other info.

Unitarian Universalist Church: Sun services at 11 am. Potluck every 2nd Sun. Congregation working toward becoming an intentionally welcoming community to lesbians, gays & bisexuals. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF.

Walnut Creek Interweave, a chapter of Unitarian Universalists addressing concerns of gays, lesbians, bis, TV/TS & straight allies meet last Sun of each month at Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist church, 12:15 pm, after the 10:30 am service. Info: Alison (510) 228-0323 or Claudia (510) 937-7566.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

First Baptist Church, Berkeley welcomes and affirms lesbian, gay & bisexual people in all lay & professional ministries. Small, friendly, energetic congregation. Worship services Sun at 10 am in the chapel at the corner of Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Rev Esther Hargis, pastor. Info: (510) 848-5838.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

First Congregational Church of Christ: Post & Mason Sts, SF. A Church "open & affirming" of all people, with active lesbian & gay members involved in all levels of church life & worship. Info: 392-7461.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of born-again Christian gays & lesbians reaching out with a message of Christ's resotring love to all people. Worship service Sun at 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Bible study Tues at 7:30 pm at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: Call 563-2973, or write Box 14462, SF 94114.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Icon Orthodox Fellowship: Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.

Saint Raphael's Liberal Catholic Church: An apostolic church based on theosophical ideals & freedom of thought. Homage to Our Lady held every Sun at 9:45 am, mass at 10 am. Services held at 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF. Open communion. Everyone welcome. Info: Rev Martin Nowinski 550-1576.

GLAD (Gay, Lesbian & Affirming Disciples/Christian Church) meet the 3rd Sun of each month at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte Ave, Berkeley, 4-7 pm. Potluck. Info: (510) 644-1823.

Gay Clergy Support: Group for professed religious who would like to socialize & exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: See Hotlines & Referrals.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Hidden Disabilities/Chronic Pain Support Group for Women. Free. Leaderless. Eastbay location. Info: Dana (510) 658-0826.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton.

Carla Kirkwood performs Sept. 17-18 at the 1993 Edge Festival at Footwork Studio, SF. Photo by Roderick Chapman

Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.
Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Married & Divorced Men's Group meets Thurs eves in Palo Alto for social/support. Heterosexual, bisexual & gay men are welcome. Info: PO Box 1153, Palo Alto, 94301.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Lesbian Couples Group. Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.
Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.
Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.
Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.
SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.
Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.
Jewish Parents of Lesbians & Gay Men: Monthly discussion group meets on last Tues of each month at 987 University Ave, Ste 27, Los Gatos. 7-8:30 pm, free. Spons by Kavod/Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County. Info: Karen Belford, MSW (408) 399-2202.
Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.
The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.
MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.
Former Jehovah's Witnesses: Support/social group for women who were former Jehovah's Witnesses. Info: 703-7147.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men). 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.
Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County offers "Kavod" ("respect" in Hebrew), a counseling & education program that is sensitive to the needs of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & our families, with special outreach to Jewish clients. Support groups are also available on coming out, parents of gays & lesbians and Jewish identity. Fee subsidies available. For info/reg call Karen Belford, MSW, Kavod Project Director: (408) 399-2202.
Gay Men's Coming Out drop-in group spons by Operation Concern meets Tues 5:15-6:15 pm, 1853 Market St, SF. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman. Info: 626-7000.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social, recreational & support activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. For info about activities or to talk to young people call 863-3636 (SF) or 1-(800)-246-PRIDE (outside SF). LYRIC's business number is 703-6150.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.
Constant Craving Coffeehouse for Lesbian & Bisexual Women under 23: Last Thurs of each month at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 7 pm. Spons by LYFE, LYRIC & the Women's Building. Info: 565-7681. 25-cent coffee & tea, plus music, food, live entertainment & lots of fun!
GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project YOUTH & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.
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beat this by don baird

D.B. Draino Strikes Again

I don't know how I could begin another column without promptly responding to the first two items printed in the letters section of the last *SF Bay Times* issue. While our newest columnist, the controversial heterosexual Nan Parks, and her new column, "Straight Talk!" received the most letters, I believe I scored the most brilliantly written, carefully thought out, and, well, just downright positive letter of all. That's quite a switch from the usual *SF Bay Times* letter-writing wars such as the Separatist Dyke vs. Transgender Womyn debate, a long-running feud that recently inspired a dance/performance piece titled *Strictly Brawlroom*, created by the ever-clever David Hawkins and presented at Klubstitute through the artistic mediums of dance, recorded music, spoken word and pantomime. It was epic: I'll never look at a letters section in the same way again, nor will I ever be as thrilled or happy to read the letters section as I was when I read the offering, "Something to Live For" (*SF Bay Times*, Aug. 26), submitted by Celestina De Mare. It was probably the finest, most complete and detailed compliment I've ever received, sending me into a blissful, much welcome feeling of truly being appreciated, both as a writer and as the type of guy who screams, "Work my butt!" at men from a slowly moving car. So, if there was a spring in my step for the past couple of weeks, it was because of you, Miss De Mare. I can't thank you enough. Your letter reads like a resume, a glowing detailed summation of what I do, the perfect title page for a few samples of my writing that I'll be sending out to the open and welcoming arms of the *New Yorker*, *Vanity Fair* and *Esquire*. Okay, okay, maybe *Sassy*, *Easy Rider Magazine* or *Hustler*. Who knows? But thanks.

Now the second letter was of a different nature completely. It was from Palo Alto, sent by a man named Pascale Laroche. He took the letters of my name and Nan Parks' name and created the anagrams "Odd Brain" and "Ann Kraps" (the second one is an anagram to be proud of if ever I saw one, huh?), then referred to our writing as "senseless TP-weight filler." Scrabble is boring all by yourself, huh? I also happen to already know and love my anagram. Because of you, Pascale Laroche, I now hate all of Palo Alto and the anagram for your name is bitter, bitter, bitter. Now that we've gotten that out of the way, let the stalking begin!

REVITALIZED LOMA

A new development in the world of drinking establishments has transpired recently, one that might go unnoticed really, but definitely shouldn't. The Casa Loma, a great sleazy little dive bar at Fillmore and Fell, also referred to as the Alamo, has undergone some changes in management. A long time ago some humble and inexperienced people brought the bar out of obscurity and made it into a comfortable, popular neighborhood joint packed with people of all sexual persuasions, getting along like family in a sense, pre-Chaos. The bar became the domain of all kinds of people, often using the enigmatic six-foot-four-inch-tall transsexual transvestite spiritual guide Goddess Desiree as doorperson or bouncer, god rest her soul. A sudden upheaval of the staff eventually pulled all the magic out of the joint as original staff members left for other jobs.

A recent inspection of the records by the owner showed that the bar was most profitable during the heyday of the aforementioned humble staff, so they were all summoned back to the Casa Loma and given the job of managing the bar completely. Back in the fold there once again are several members of the Joneses, a loosely defined matriarchal clan including the infamous Stephen Maxxxine aka Reverend Jim Jones, L.B. Jones, the wee sprite of a bartender who pours her heart out at the End Up on Sundays, winning the devotion of many with her complimentary donut holes and cheery greeting of "Gee, you're up early," and Neil Armstrong Jones, the jovial bald man who is here to help again, just like the old times. Recruited also are some of everyone's favorites from the End Up—members of a good strong crew. So essentially what we have here at the bar from hell at Fillmore and Fell is a place for queers to go where they don't have to be surrounded by mainstream gays in sweaters and shit and all that godforsaken house music. In fact, a number of local DJs with a bent for alternative music and other hip tastemakers have been making gifts of mixed tapes to the bar. The official re-opening affair last Thursday night drew just about everybody you could imagine from the normal clubland haunts so I've got a feeling we have a new bar to hang in. As L.B. Jones says, "It's a sleazy dive bar and that's a selling point." Be there.

Don Baird is proud of the anagram for his name. Photo by Marc Geller

NEW TYLER WORK AT PRODUCT

Last Saturday I decided to take a quick late night jaunt down to Product because Tyler-Bob Popstitute had done an extra special painting job for that week's theme, Storybookland. The place was more decorated than I've ever seen before. Tyler had really outdone himself. The main room had a huge rotating mobile with a giant blender, a rubber duck and various other large images of storybookland whirling over the heads of the dancing throng. The foyer to the big room was a very detailed blacklit fluorescent forest with a smattering of creatures here and there. It was actually on the cheerier end of the spectrum for Tyler's work, nothing too dark or ominous or demonic looking. It was sweet. Then later Tyler pointed out to me that right beside the doorway into the main dance floor, in the midst of the sweet little forest, stood a headless 'roid raver, complete with overdeveloped chest muscles, freedom rings, Calvin Klein undies and his hand grabbing his bulge while blood spewed out of his neck. Tyler sidled up to his painting of the decapitated muscle queen, handed me a camera and said, "Would you take one of us together?"

The most rewarding and unexpected thing to happen at Product that night was running into Jerome Caja, that crazed beauty and great artist who has been a bit elusive lately. It had been ages since we talked so she sat right down with us in the remotest corner of the "make-out" room in the basement, which no one seems to make out in but it serves marvelously as a place to do more drugs.

CAJA CAJOLES CURATORS

Well, Jerome, wearing a tight red off-the-shoulder housewife-with-a-problem dress, had big news. He has a new show opening at the brand new Center for the Arts grand opening on Oct. 12, featuring new works, many exploring such themes as chickens, eggs, sex ("lots and lots of sex because those curators really hate sexually explicit things") and the death of "have a nice day." There is also a piece called "A Friend Like You," featuring Satan fucking someone up the ass and stabbing their back on a pile of burning coals. It seems that Jerome might be using some new and interesting materials, for instance redwood burl. His show will consist of over 40 different works.

According to Jerome, the board or the curators for the museum were predictably uptight about him and his works. They met with him once and made arrangements to meet again and decide on the fate of the show. Jerome requested that the next time they met to "please bring a lady with your all white male group." Perhaps the gentlemen weren't minding their manners. When they met again they brought a woman along. The works were discussed and the decision was made to accept the exhibit. After the meeting, on the way out, Jerome snagged the woman and thanked her for coming along at his behest, saying, "I asked for a woman to be here and I'm glad you've got more balls than all of those guys put together." She nodded, knowingly, and said, "Tell them that."

Jerome excitedly told us about the day of the opening, saying, "I'm missing the press conference they're holding, but I'm going to the free lunch for sure and I think I'm going to the panel discussion!" I asked what particular things in his art they actually said no to or felt they could not exhibit, and their major beef is penetration. They will not accept, for instance, the piece "Rape of the Altar Boy." They almost wouldn't accept "The Last Hand Job" either, but Jerome thinks he talked them into it. I contemplated the date of the opening, Oct. 12, and said, "I think that's the week my mother is in town." Jerome could hardly conceal his excitement. "Bring her to the show. I love to meet my friends' mothers. They always love me because I make them feel better about their own sons." ✿

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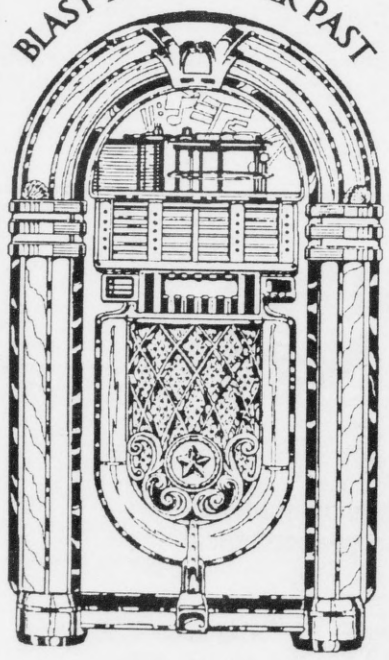

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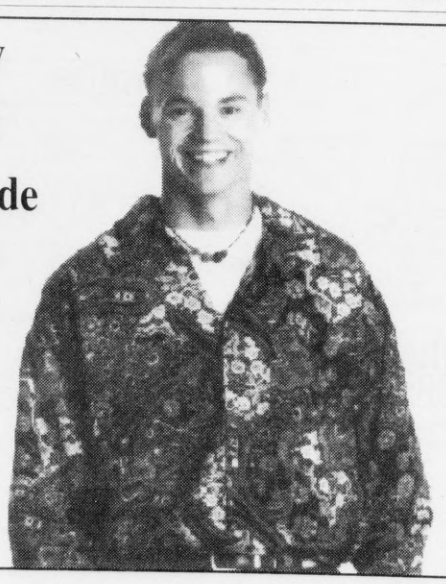

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film

BY GRETA CHRISTINA

The Trash Bin

Well, kids, none of last week's new releases turned out to be worth more than a paragraph, so the Trash Bin is all you're going to get this week. I'm really sorry. I'm afraid you're going to read this and think I hate movies. I don't hate movies, really I don't. I just hated most of these.

Jennifer Chambers Lynch, director of "Boxing With Helena."

BOXING HELENA

Bad. Bad bad bad bad bad bad bad. Faulty, poor, unsatisfactory; deficient, defective, lacking; flawed, inadequate, inferior, shabby, shoddy, substandard; blundering, bumbling, embarrassing, incompetent, inept; boring, dull, insipid, lackluster, tedious, unimaginative; artificial, contrived, false, fake, pretentious; asinine, dense, dumb, inane, laughable, moronic, stupid; banal, cliched, hackneyed, trite; heavy-handed, obvious, one-dimensional, unsubtle; half-hearted, insignificant, insubstantial, paltry, trivial, worthless; flimsy, precarious, rickety, unsteady, unsubstantial; cheap, coarse, crude, lurid, tacky, tasteless, tawdry, trashy, vulgar; lesser, low-grade, mediocre, second-rate; aggravating, annoying, disagreeable, insufferable, irritating, unpleasant; diseased, feeble, sick, weak; deadly, noxious, pernicious, poisonous, toxic, virulent; agonizing, dismal, excruciating, lamentable, miserable, painful, pathetic, pitiful, wretched; abominable, appalling, atrocious, awful, deplorable, dreadful, ghastly, hideous, horrendous, horrible, terrible; disgusting, distasteful, foul, nauseating, obnoxious, offensive, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, sickening; debasing, degrading, disgraceful, humiliating, ignominious, mortifying, shameful; abhorrent, base, contemptible, corrupt, despicable, detestable, loathsome, odious, sordid, vile. On the other hand, Sherilyn Fenn does have very nice breasts.

KALIFORNIA

MTV: Portrait of a Serial Killer. Dreadfully written, badly acted (for the most part), pointlessly violent and unpleasant; great camerawork. There's some OK character development and stuff about halfway through, but none of the characters are likable anyway, so who cares. The filmmakers actually managed to create a boring and shallow serial killer, and the voice-over narrative explores a whole new level of annoying pomposity. Best part: Michelle Forbes, the chick who plays Ensign Roh on Star Trek TNG. The abattoir scene is also pretty decent.

MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY

Oh, go ahead. Why not. Woody Allen's first film since the late unpleasantness; it's not real deep or anything, but it is pretty gosh-darned funny. Giggles-o-plenty. I laughed out loud reasonably often. Best part: Diane Keaton, who is lively and engaging and actually looks like she's had a decent meal in the last week.

KING OF THE HILL

A tender, touching, tragic, heartwarming tale of the struggles of a bright young boy coming of age during the Great Depression. It made me want to puke. Too bad—I really wanted to like this one. Directed by Steven Soderbergh (*sex, lies and videotape*), who should know better.

SEARCHING FOR BOBBY FISHER

Now, this is how touching stories of endearing children should be done, by gum. Emotional without being sentimental, sweet without being cloying, moving without being manipulative. The story of a seven-year-old chess whiz looks at the numerous ways to love someone with genius, and the equally numerous ways to fuck them up big time. Excellent performances by an excellent cast; and I actually didn't know how the big match at the end was going to turn out until it was almost over. Amazing. Almost as if the characters had lives of their own or something. A BOATS film (Based On A True Story).

THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE

Directed by and starring Mel Gibson, The Man Without A Talent. Oh, that's probably not fair. He's very good at running around like a lunatic, diving through machine gun fire, making smart-ass remarks and blowing things up. Unfortunately, he does none of those things in this movie. Curses upon Zeffirelli, director of *Hamlet*, for apparently convincing Gibson that he could do Shakespeare, or indeed act at all.

THE FUGITIVE

This is not a great film, it's not a brilliant film, but it is one of the most perfect films I've ever seen. It does what it sets out to do almost flawlessly. The story is deceptively simple: an innocent man convicted of murder running from the law and trying to find the real murderer. It's seamlessly constructed, relentlessly tense, with just the right touches of comic relief and surprisingly little violence for the genre. It doesn't rely on the characters making dim-bulb mistakes to keep the plot moving, and it never, ever, ever lets up. Ever. Harrison Ford as the innocent Dr. Kimble disappears into the role so thoroughly you can barely see the Big Famous Movie Star for watching the hunted man. But Tommy Lee Jones is the real treasure, turning in a delightful performance as the brilliant and dogged Girard. Great train wreck, too. Rock and roll. A bezillion thumbs up.

JURASSIC PARK

Okay, the dinosaurs are cool. The dinosaurs are very cool. In fact, I'd even be willing to say that the dinosaurs are very, very, very, way fucking cool. The dinosaurs are about 20 minutes worth of cool in over two hours' worth of mindless predictable formula dreck and propaganda for the nuclear family. If you haven't already seen it, don't bother, unless you absolutely must see what all the fuss is about, or unless you really like dinosaurs a lot. (They are pretty cool. I especially liked the ones that spit.) Directed by—who else?—Stephen Spielberg, whom I loathe and despise beyond my powers of speech and whose name I curse unto the seventh generation.

SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE

Here's the problem. I am very, very tired of the concept that certain couples are destined to be together romantically. I'm sick of hearing that God or Fate or Whatever creates people in pairs and then maliciously separates them in order to make them track each other down, like some sort of cosmic treasure hunt. I'm sick of seeing the mystical powers of Love At First Sight presented as the only kind of love worth having, while all other kinds of love are looked on as second-rate, something you settle for after you've given up on magic. Otherwise, I adored this movie. It's very engaging and very funny, and I didn't even mind that it was a corny, mawkish, dippy, sentimental tearjerker. Best part: the male bonding scene, where the two guys get all weepy about *The Dirty Dozen*.

GIFT

Self-indulgent, self-absorbed, self-important, self-involved, self-obsessed—do we detect a theme here, class? A film by Perry Farrell (Jane's Addiction, Porno for Pyros) and Casey Niccoli, starring themselves. Of course. Beavis and Butthead kept popping into my head: "Wow, check out that chick, she's got a needle sticking right in her arm. Cool." "Yeah, man. Death pacts are cool." The music is terrific, though, and it is oddly compelling in places. Best part: the amusingly naive disclaimer at the end, assuring us that the events and characters portrayed are fictitious and that any resemblance to real people is purely coincidental. Right. Red Vic, Sep. 15-18.

CRUSH

An extremely well-made movie, beautifully filmed, well-written, vividly acted; and I sat there seething and composing angry letters to the director throughout most of it. Just about every nasty ugly stupid fucked-up stereotype about femmes was up on that screen, with a whole passel of nasty ugly stupid fucked-up stereotypes about bisexual women to boot. Lane, the main character and provocateur (played by Marcia Gay Harden) is deceptive, dishonest, predatory, seductive, bitchy, heartless, disloyal, restless and discontented, unwilling to deal with reality, unreliable, manipulative and destructive; a temptress and a whore, with a magical sexual power over both men and women, who uses sex as a weapon and a tool for manipulation, and who (warning, I'm about to give away the ending) is punished with a violent death. Thanks a whole fucking lot to director Alison Maclean, who obviously saw *Basic Instinct* a few too many times.

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BY WILLIAM FINKLE

A Spaghetti & Meatballs Kind of Place

So I finally made it over to Noe Valley's **Little Italy**, a place I've been hearing about for years, a legendary place, even. The truth is, no one's been keeping this charming eatery a secret, at least not from the crowd I saw there on a Monday night. Founded 14 years ago, current owners Jim Smith and J.P. Gillen take pride in keeping their busy little restaurant humming with happy patrons. But Little Italy has transcended the status of neighborhood restaurant, whether the management wanted it to or not. Folks come from all over the City to sample this *cucina rustica*, as Smith says.

The wood-paneled, amply decorated walls and split level dining room create a festive atmosphere for New York-style Italian food served in a gutsy, pleasant way. Red and white checked plastic tablecloths complete the picture, reminding me of **Angelo's** on 9th Avenue and 59th Street in Hell's Kitchen. An air of tension fills the space, too, with diners anxiously waiting for mounds of steaming food to arrive from the kitchen, just a couple of footsteps away from the tables. The menu is extensive, with an emphasis on spicy, red sauces, and on *contadina*, or country-style, items.

I was impressed with the zesty, garlicky food and our server's frankness regarding an antipasto of mostly canned items. We lapped up the homey **Minestrone** ($3.95)—chunks of carrots, zucchini, celery, cabbage, little white beans and tomato and ham pieces in a rich vegetable broth—using the crusty, chewy sourdough bread to clean the plate. Rounds of **Garlic Bread** ($3.95) came doused with thick slices of garlic, butter, parmesan cheese and chopped parsley: simple and robust. A house specialty, the **Stuffed Artichoke** ($6.95) brought a large 'choke with the top leaves and thistle removed, chock-full of a mixture of bread crumbs, parmesan, garlic and ham. I've grown accustomed to the taste of fresh parmesan in recent years, and find the canned, American version, as is used here, a quaint and wonderfully "politically" incorrect statement, even though I clearly prefer the flavor of fresh.

Who wouldn't enjoy a plate of **Spaghetti and Meatballs** ($8.95), especially such stunning ones as these? Here, five plump, tender and garlicky (as I was beginning to expect of everything here at Little Italy) balls of veal and pork sit atop a tangle of noodles dressed in an old-fashioned red meat sauce. Pure nostalgia. The **Contadina Half Chicken** ($11.95) turned out to be little pieces totaling a half bird, somewhat bland and dry, with roasted chunks of red and green bell pepper, mushrooms and whole cloves of—what else—garlic, with rosemary nettles tossed in for an earthy, elevated taste. The special on one night, the **Seafood Composition** ($14.95)—what a name, I love it—found a slab each of bass and salmon, mussels, prawns, diminutive scallops and clams slathered in a garlicky, spicy basil-tomato sauce. Again, that bread came in handy to practice my *scarpetta*, Italian for cleaning the plate with bread instead of the tongue.

Dessert was an impossibility, given the generous portions and speed with which the food arrived. It's just as well; I wasn't *that* anxious to try the supposedly best **zabaglione** in town, according to Michael Bauer; nor did the other desserts, shipped in from local bakers, grab me by the tails.

I'd head back to Little Italy. As owner Jim Smith says, it's a "fun little place, with plenty of food, and garlic in *everything*."

ABOUT TOWN...

I only mention what a disgusting meal I had at **Little Thai** (2348 Polk St.) because it's such a busy place, and doesn't deserve to be doing so well unless the folks there clean up their act. When Thai food is bad, it's really bad, and I shan't soon forget the **Tom Yum Goong** soup: a hot and sour prawn soup churning in the bowl of its own accord. Bbbrrrh. And the **Kaeng Pak**, vegetable curry, with canned bamboo shoots, baby corn, bean sprouts, onion and broccoli, with one piece of tofu in a flavorless yellow curry, to which, when I added salt, I wished I hadn't because then I could taste the imbalanced spices, and a bitter aftertaste. I won't even start on the **Pad Thai**, traditionally one of my favorite Thai preparations.

Pet Peeves: Along with terrible Thai food, some of my most seething memories are associated with pepper and ketchup. You know, the pepper that's left on tables for days, weeks, even months, perhaps. It's not that it's flavorless; it's that its flavor is stale, undesirable. Give me fresh pepper or give me none. My ketchup gripe isn't the usual chef-ly gripe of hating the entire concept. I love ketchup. Nothing's more classic on a big plate of crisp fries or onion rings. But don't try to trick me into thinking I'm using Heinz, when you've really only bought the good stuff once, saved the empty bottles, and then refilled them with that cheap stuff you got a great deal on at the Price Club. You're not fooling anyone, and I would just as soon use mustard, instead.

A weekend in Portland proved once and for all that we are, sadly, in the Stone Age as far as coffee goes. Six-foot square placards hang at every coffee house, declaring the superiority of styles and selections, in beans, in espresso drinks, in concoctions we haven't begun to dream of. And ordering your coffee must be done in a whole jargon I found incomprehensible. What *is* a flat, skinny, double, anyway? The one thing we do need is the **espresso granite**, an icy sweet drink that refreshes and awakens delightfully, and I was glad to see it introduced at **Brainwash** (1122 Folsom St.) over the summer. C'mon Bay Area. Wake up and smell the beans. ✿

Chef Lorenzo Rodriguez serves up garlicky homestyle Italian. photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

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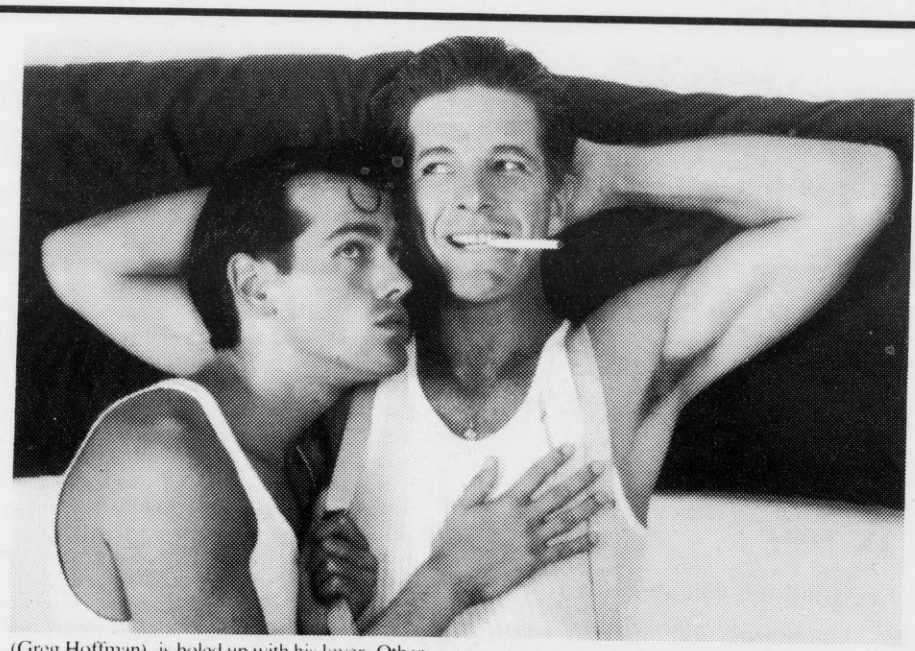
Loverguys

Loverguys, a trio of gay-themed one-acts at the Rhino Studio, proves once again that writing a successful one-act may be more difficult than knocking out a full-length play. More often than not, the audience is treated to either a 30-minute character sketch or a very sketchy plot with little character development. The three plays in question embrace a little of each, the first and third lapsing into "Saturday Night Live" farce (with about the same level of wit), and the second exploring a poignant aspect of a rocky relationship. All three would have benefited from some judicious editing once they had made their point. Greg Hoffman took the evening's acting honors and David C. Perez, the only actor to appear in all three plays, pushed himself a bit too far in attempting three different characterizations.

Honeymoon Suite, adapted by Ricardo Garufi from his own film script, and directed by Arturo Catricala, time warps us into a tacky hotel room in Atlantic City in the 1940s. Tough guy Man (Greg Hoffman), is holed up with his lover, Other Man (David C. Perez). Each is a member of a rival gang "family."



David Perez (l) and Greg Hoffman in the trio of one acts, "Loverguys."

For some inexplicable reason, Perez has elected to imitate the tinny Bronx-inflected voice of Judy Holliday's *Born Yesterday* heroine, a not very good idea unless you're Judy Holliday.

Spit-curled and pouty, Other Man wonders if there are others "out there" like them. (This reviewer wonders if playwright Garufi assumes that dinosaurs were still wandering the bluffs of New Jersey in 1940. Manhattan in those early war years was the uncrowned gay capital of the world, and it's unlikely that a pair of gay lovers in Jersey wouldn't have been aware of life on the other side of the Holland Tunnel.)

The lovers spat, make up, spat and make up until an intruder bursts in. Identified as the Well-Dressed Man (Geoff Fiorito) he has come with a message from Man's father, the Godfather, and is horrified to discover him in a same-sex love nest. For little apparent reason he is divested of his pants and advised that he will be the best man at a wedding. A priest is called in (Greg Lucey) and pressed into service. Protesting at first, the priest soon gets into the swing of the romantic occasion and performs what may be the first church-sanctioned gay wedding. I can't remember how the playwright got his four characters off the stage.

Touch, the shorter, conceptually confined, but more ambitious of the plays, skimmed the surface of a relationship problem, but in the end left us dangling. Directed by John Hogan, David Demchuk's duel-for-two reveals two nude lovers sitting cross-legged in bed discussing their floundering sex life.

Gary (David C. Perez) is aroused by (and may well be addicted to) pornography. Ken (Geoff Fiorito) is not. Gary contends that sex without a pornographic fantasy is not enough. "I have to hurt myself to feel anything at all," he says, laying his guilt on the line. In an attempt to reconcile their tastes, he asks Ken to create sexual fantasies from a couple of photographs in a porn magazine. Ken's depiction is loveless and without emotional involvement. Well-acted, but lacking any real dramatic conflict, the dialogue ends without resolution.

The Kafkaesque *An Appointment With Mr. Hugo* by Christopher Wiley was directed by Steve

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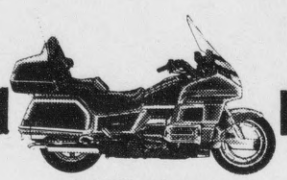

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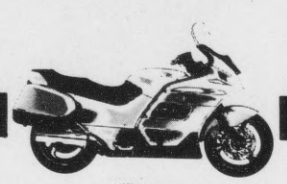

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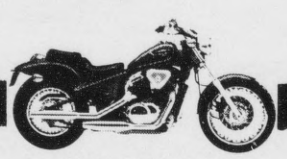

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Omlid. Two lovers await an appointment with media-famous wedding planner Mr. Hugo. Airhead Nicky (David C. Perez) is willing to suffer any indignity to be the fabulous Mr. Hugo's first gay client. His lover Larry (Greg Lucey) becomes increasingly disgruntled as they are kept waiting for hours. Contributing to his paranoia is the mysterious Mr. Hugo's worshipful receptionist, Mr. Humphries (Greg Hoffman) who continues to drop little hints about the master's plans for their wedding. Their chosen color scheme of "terra rose" has been rejected, the chattering Humphries advises them, and their proposed *Out of Africa* theme has been dumped in favor of Wagner's *Twilight of the Gods*. Mr. Hugo has hinted that Miss Sills will come out of retirement for this special gig. Nicky thrills at the prospect of Rhine Maidens. Larry is exasperated. Suddenly two lesbian aesthetic terrorists burst in threatening personal injury on Mr. Hugo for imposing heterosexual attitudes on gays. The ensuing melee collapses with an O. Henry ending.

Loverguys continues at the Rhino Studio Thursdays through Sundays through Sept. 19. Call 861-5079.

Playboy of the Western World

Artistic director Andrea Gordon's Tour de Force Theatre Company is on a roll. Three of her recent site-specific productions have been critical hits, and with the current production of John Millington Synge's *Playboy of the Western World*, she's done it again.

Set in isolated Mayo County, this comic masterpiece sprawls the full length of the bar at Clement Street's The Plough and the Stars. With the actors scrabbling their way among the barroom tables and stools, brawling and loving in the poetic cadences of their Irish brogues, the audience/ customers cannot help but be swept up in the trials of the young peasant Christy, who achieves fame through a lie and ignominy when the truth is told.

Janet Roitz (l) as Pegeen and Dierdre Herbert as the Widow Quinn fight for the attentions of Christy (Joel Mullennix) in "Playboy of the Western World."

Muddy, exhausted and sorrowful-looking as a wet dog, Christy (Joel Mullennix) staggers into Pegeen's (Janet Roitz) tavern and unwinds a tale of fleeing the law for having brained his brutal father with a shovel. Pegeen is immediately attracted to the shy young man. But her plans for shielding him go awry as word spreads through the village. The Widow Quinn (Deirdre Herbert), a trio of eager and unmarried women, and several skeptical men crowd in to hear the story. With each telling, Christy's version takes on added color. As he reads new respect in his listeners' eyes, he enjoys his first taste of power. Now cock-of-the-walk in Pegeen's tavern, his vanity is further assuaged when benefactress Pegeen, Widow Quinn and the town girls, especially the saucy Sara (Kate Perry), square off for his romantic attentions. And when Christy wins the big race, the men tote him home on their shoulders.

But alas, truth makes its unwelcome appearance in the bloody-bandaged head and vengeful person of Christy's father (Ed Ivory). Exposed for enjoying the glorious fruits of a murder he didn't actually commit, the playboy's final predicament is a sadder, wiser lesson for us all. Begorrah.

It would be difficult to imagine any other actor but Joel Mullennix who could evoke so effectively the cowed sensitivity of a country youth awakening to the worldly potential of a romantic adventure. One of the very best young actors on the local scene, his technique reveals no artifice other than reality. He was well-matched with co-star Roitz as the fiery Pegeen, who knew what she wanted and went after it. Calvin Ahlgren headed the contingent of surly townsmen. Costumes were by Elizabeth Read.

A fine production, highly recommended.

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The Marriage of Bette and Boo

Drama Cycloramas' production of Christopher Durang's *The Marriage of Bette and Boo* at the Y Theatre is a prime example of the playwright's mordant wit. Directed with admirable pacing and inventive casting by Patrick O'Connor, a skilled ensemble breathes considerable cutting-edge humor into the history of the Hudlock and Brennan families.

Matt Hudlock (Ivan Nass in an ingratiating, sympathetic performance) narrates the play's episodic scenes in an agonizing attempt to discover meaning in his parents' empty, chaotic lives. He may well be the only salvageable limb on this dysfunctional family tree. In recurring flashbacks covering a 30-year period, he reads college papers on Thomas Hardy novels, interpolating his own family's problems with those of Hardy's characters and subsuming them into a list of faults which he blames on the Catholic Church.

At Bette and Boo's wedding, Bette's sister Emily (Elizabeth McCranie), a creature of nerves, forgets her cello solo and expiates her guilt by making a career out of writing notes of apology. Bette (Stephanie Dorian) wants a lot of babies, but after successfully producing Matt, she delivers a series of five stillbirths which the doctor invariably drops on the floor with the simple pronouncement, "It's dead." Bette discusses her compulsion for motherhood with Father Donnelly, but misinterprets his indifference for encouragement and continues her cycle of pregnancies.

Having discovered within minutes after taking their wedding vows that he and Bette don't have enough in common to conduct a conversation, the laconic Boo (Marc Layton) takes seriously to drink. Bette hauls him before the priest occasionally, but the solace of alcohol proves stronger.

Bette's mother is played with delightful insouciance by J. Bixby Elliot, one of the three cross-dressing actors in the cast. Bette's other sister, Joan, living at home after a failed marriage, is a marvelously spiteful troublemaker played by towering Todd Sterling Brown. Bette's father (Paul Brennan) speaks in tongues and dies midway through the play but continues to appear in succeeding scenes in a white shroud. Beaming with insincerity, Dennis D. Erickson is Father Donnelly, who listens to his parishioners with a deaf ear and wishes they would all take their problems elsewhere.

Boo's parents, representing a marriage made in hell, are a mean-spirited, irascible Karl (David Abad) and hopelessly cheerful Soot (Annika Ahlstrom), who has no idea why she is called Soot except it has something to do with a chimney.

Alcoholism, divorce, religious hypocrisy and ultimate disappointment total up to a bitter inheritance for the 30-year-old Matt. Not a pretty picture, but as Boo's father cautioned earlier, "Don't try to change people. If you don't like them, get them committed or be mean to them, but don't try to change them."

Durang has created an outrageously funny black comedy from the mundane trivia of family life. He has received considerable support from a director who has plumbed the nuances of the script and a fine cast headed by Dorian and Layton's on-the-mark performances. A satiric soundtrack of romantic songs (Johnny Mathis, the Mamas and the Papas, etc.) offers hilarious counterpoint to the various desperations happening onstage.

The Marriage of Bette and Boo continues Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 8 pm, through Sept. 19, at the Y Theatre, YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Ave. Call 267-3923.

Correction:

The review of *Four Plays of the Sea*, which appeared in the Aug. 26 issue of *SF Bay Times* was written by Charles Whaley. His byline was inadvertently omitted.

Quartermain's Terms

The Chamber Theater, under Frank Reilly's direction, completes its production of a Simon Gray trilogy with *Quartermain's Terms*. A "quieter" play than the more dynamic, emotionally involving *Butley* and *Otherwise Engaged*, this study of seven teachers in an English school reveals rampant personal crises under seemingly complacent exteriors.

Set in the instructors' common room of a school that teaches English to foreign students, this drama for ensemble actors utilizes St. John Quartermain (Terry Lamb), a boring, senior academic, as a sounding board for the pains, betrayals and private hells of the other teachers' private lives. Lamb draws a touching portrait of a colorless man at the end of his career. From the one comfortable chair he stares into space, rousing himself when someone enters to ask about their children, their holiday, their novel. But his answers are perfunctory and his eyes dim again as he sinks back in his chair, forgetting to go to class.

Crotchety Principal Eddie, played by Dean Goodman with obsequious good cheer, seems less concerned about the quality of education dispensed than with keeping enrollment up. Anita (Linda Clements) puts up a smiling front against the certain knowledge that her husband is having an affair. Mark (Jon Kilcrease), midway through yet another draft of his novel, has been abandoned by wife and child. Melanie, in another memorable performance by Gwyneth Richards, is tormented by a bedridden mother and may, we suspect, be the instrument of her mother's plunge down a dark stairwell.

Derek, the accident-prone, overly ingratiating freshman instructor, is given a nicely sympathetic interpretation by Blake Maxam. Pipe-smoking Henry, the pompous, stuffy heir apparent to the principal's position, whose officiousness is a cover for the shambles of his home life, is given a fine, restrained reading by Tom Woosnam.

These are Quartermain's fellow teachers. He absorbs the mini-dramas of their sad, banal lives and, having none of his own, seems content to share.

Quartermain's Terms continues at the Phoenix Theatre Thursdays through Sundays through Sept. 19. Call 931-6011.

Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa

With the 1993-94 theater season almost upon us, let me mention a production or two from the past season that failed to make it from typewriter to printed page. With over 90 plays in production at any one time in the Bay Area, it is physically impossible to cover every play. Theater reviewers are usually restricted by space allotment to four-to-six plays per issue, and with an average of four openings a week, choices must be made. Such decisions are subjective, to be sure, but hopefully will please the majority of *SF Bay Times* readers. Occasionally space limitations may necessitate cutting a review. The play may have run its course prior to the next issue, and meantime eight more plays will have opened.

Here are some random mentions of a few performances that didn't make an earlier deadline:

The Actors Theatre production of *Reassurance*, which I caught late in its run, featured a particularly funny and moving performance by Dolores Laughton in an adaptation from Allan Gurganus' *Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All*. The static staging made the long reading seem even longer, but Laughton's portrayal was loving and memorable. On the same Gurganus triple bill, *Reassurance* interwove the reading of an actual letter from Walt Whitman to the mother of a slain Union soldier with the reading of Gurganus' fictional letter from the soldier to his mother. Niki Hersh and Chris Phillips created a gripping theatrical duet.

The Mime Troupe's production of *Offshore* was, as usual, a bang-up delight to the eye and ear. A too-complex plot having to do with corporate America's selling out to foreign investors couldn't dampen the wild shenanigans of the Mime Troupe regulars. Joan Holden penned the piece and Daniel Chumley directed it with Kabuki overtones. A couple of fine tunes and some first-rate lyrics by Bruce Barthol and Elliot Humberto Kavee. Kevin Han Yee, Michael Gene Sullivan and Ed Holmes were standouts.

I'm particularly sorry that a review for *Whatever Happened Between Bette and Joan* fell through the cracks. Starring Michael-Colin Reed as Crawford and Tif Rice as Davis, the prima donnas hurled a barrage of clever bitchery at each other that was a breath of fresh air after a couple of prior and relatively witless drag dramas. Oddly enough, the diva duel was successful despite two opposite acting styles. Reed did an over-the-top camp job on Crawford while Rice played Davis straight. Rice's every gesture, every inflection, was right on. I can't wait for his one man/woman evening with Ruth Gordon.

California Shakespeare's *King John* played through August and featured several fine performances. Not often produced, it requires close attention or you'll lose track of who's fighting whom and whose side the Vatican is *really* on. Verona Seiter as the King's mother, Robert Sicular as Hubert, Richard Elmore as the Cardinal, and Robin Goodrin Nordli were particularly impressive. Indeed, Ms. Nordli has created special magic with her every appearance this season.

California Shakespeare's earlier production of *A Winter's Tale*, a bittersweet drama of jealousy, repentance and the redemptive power of forgiveness, was handsomely directed by Penny Metropulos. Joe Vincent as Leontes and Bruce Williams as Polixenes, the source of his jealousy, were excellent, but it was Hope Alexander-Willis who commandeered the stage with a presence that made us believe her capable of creating the miracle of love's redemption.

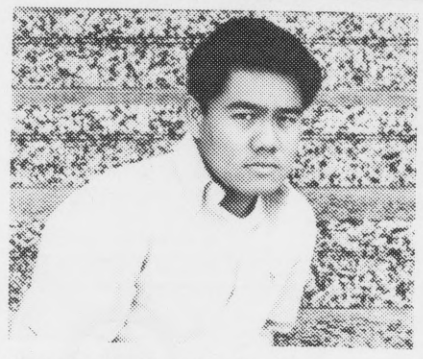
Chay Yew and "Porcelain"

by Charles Whaley

After successful runs at three mainstream theaters—in London (where it took Fringe Awards for best play/best playwright), Los Angeles and Dallas—Chay Yew's "voice play," *Porcelain*, will have its first gay/lesbian theater showing when it opens Theatre Rhinoceros' 16th season on Sept. 11.

On a visit to San Francisco from Los Angeles, where the 28-year-old Singapore-born playwright currently lives, Chay explained how he came to write *Porcelain*, which mixes lyricism and shock effect as it unravels a mystifying "toilet-sex" crime of passion.

While he was in graduate school at Boston University (after earning an earlier broadcast management degree from Malibu's Pepperdine University) the newspapers were full of stories



"Porcelain" author Chay Yew.

about toilet-sex arrests on his campus and at M.I.T. and Harvard. Chay decided to use the topic for his thesis, so he wrote a screenplay with a campus setting.

But when he tried to get people involved in a student production, he couldn't find any willing actors. "They were frightened by the dialogue," he said.

Soon after getting his degree, Chay moved to London, where he had been offered a job as playwright-in-residence by the Mu-Lan (Chinese for "spring blossom") Theatre Company, and the artistic director was an old friend from Singapore.

There he was told to write anything he wanted. That's how his screenplay became *Porcelain* and the toilet sex became "cottaging"—the British term for having sex in lavatories—at a Bethnal Green men's room.

Porcelain is played by five voices, with four of them doing myriad characters and the fifth being John Lee, the 19-year-old Chinese man who, at the play's beginning, is said to have been found in the East London loo cradling and weeping over the 26-year-old Caucasian man he has shot six times.

John Lee is unlike most of the others who frequent public lavatories, Chay says. They want anonymous sex with no emotional attachment, but John Lee wants more—"He wonders if someone wants to speak to him... he wants to be touched."

When Will Hope, the man Lee kills, asks him out for a drink after their initial toilet-sex en-

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counter, Lee is thrilled. But he brings to the short-lived affair too many expectations that Hope kills.

"Lee is a double outsider—a gay man and an Asian," Chay says. "People are rejecting him, and he is rejecting himself. He kills for fear of losing himself, not for fear of losing the person he kills."

Hope's death, Lee says in the play, means "he'll never be gone now. Now I have him where I want him. I've finally got Will all to myself now."

In the play John Lee uses porcelain as a metaphor for his relationships and his social outcast status. "The fascinating thing about porcelain," he says, "is the process. Coarse stone powders and clay fused by intense temperatures to create something so delicate, fragile and beautiful. Two extremes, two opposites thrown together only to produce beauty."

"Writing the play helped me explore parts of my life that will never be realized," Chay says. "Writing is an extension of me, but I never write about my life. Being Asian, my personal life is sacred to me. I don't want the world to pass judgment on me.

"As for anonymous sex, I entertain the idea all the time. But I could never do it. I'm exploring my dark side in the play, but I could never act on it."

Adele Prandini, artistic director of Theatre Rhinoceros, will direct *Porcelain* and Chay hopes she (the first woman to direct the play) will take a lot of directorial license. He likes group efforts and doesn't think a playwright "should ever be too lofty to think it's his play only."

The affable young writer, whose sunny disposition makes his having a dark side seem most unlikely, finds that his current job in film development for a major company helps him sharpen his tools through his reading of scripts. He hates being categorized as a gay playwright or an Asian playwright and says he plans to write a children's play for both adults and children as well as to adapt a classic play.

Chay's first play, *As If He Hears*, was commissioned by TheatreWorks in Singapore but banned by the government because, according to Chay, "the gay character was very positive and a role model." At first Chay refused to rewrite it for approval but gave in because he felt its AIDS awareness message should be heard. His changes made us of innuendo and humor via the gay character, a social worker.

Later he wrote the docudrama *Someone I Used to Know*, an AIDS education program broadcast throughout Singapore and used in high schools and junior colleges.

His two-part play *Learning Chinese*, written partly from a desire to offset what he feared was a negative portrayal of gay Asians in *Porcelain*, will be directed by Oskar Eustis next April in Los Angeles. *Porcelain* is slated next for an October opening at the Woolly Mammoth Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Philip Begin will portray John Lee in the Theatre Rhinoceros production. The other four voices will be Dean Rehman (who does the voice of Will Hope), Spencer Aste, Mikael Duden and John J. Gardiner.

Porcelain previews Sept. 9 and 10 and runs Sept. 11 through Oct. 16, Wednesday-Sunday at 8 pm, Saturday at 5 pm (Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9), Sunday at 3 pm (Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3). A special Sept. 8 performance benefits the Asian AIDS Project of San Francisco. Call (415) 861-5079. ✿

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Nefertiti, the Pyramid Queen

John S. Patterson as Nefertiti.

John Patterson has been performing since his 1940s childhood. He has bachelor's degrees in literature and French and an MFA in theater. He has taught acting and directed theater at an Eastern university and has performed his first solo piece, *The Dream Keeper Speaks: The World of Langston Hughes*, nationwide since 1982, including an engagement at Josie's forerunner, the Valencia Rose.

Nefertiti, or How Someone Almost Shot Off My Wig as I Was Trying to Get Onstage Tonight, at Josie's Cabaret, is Patterson's first outing of his own original material. It's his "kick in the teeth" to homophobic, religion-spouting, nationalistic Black leaders who have integrated themselves into the mainstream at the expense of their gay brothers and sisters. As a work-in-progress, *Nefertiti* has real potential, though at present it tends to drift in and out of focus, losing its satiric edge. Patterson's shotgun approach fails to hit any one target. On opening night there were a couple of disconcertingly extended blackouts and some awkward narrative transitions, but one assumes such glitches will be worked out before Patterson plays the Palace. The concept itself offers boundless opportunities for a wildly comedic putdown of divisive attitudes in the Black community.

In the play Nefertiti, the Pyramid Queen, has run an ad soliciting employment as an entertainer. Reading between the ad's lines, one might guess that the performer is a drag queen, but the program planner for the "International Black African People's Ancestry Summit for Economic Development and Self Esteem" failed to do so. He offers Nefertiti $500 for a 20-minute set at a downtown New York hotel. The wary but flabbergasted Nefertiti accepts.

We first see Nefertiti bound and gagged. She has been trussed up in a chair and tossed in a broom closet as angry convention delegates chant threats from outside. Wriggling free, the maligned Black drag queen gives caustic tongue against any number of hypocrisies (though fewer, more focused targets might better serve performer Patterson's rage).

Blackout. Flashback. Now attired in white-fringed cocktail dress, sans wig, Nefertiti does the act that whipped her "self esteem" audience into a "kill the faggot" frenzy. She flounces about the stage singing "If I Can't Sell It, I'm Gonna Sit on It," the raunchy specialty number that was blues singer Ruth Brown's showstopper in *Black and Blue* a few years ago. Not much of a singer, Patterson's interpretation tended to push the lyrics over their limits, sacrificing any subtextural subtlety. A later gospel number was less musical than noisy.

Mustering a superhuman strength, Nefertiti turns herself into a drag queen monster and escapes—not a very realistic resolution for a real-life performer who has set out to challenge some very real problems. ✿

Side by Side by Sondheim

The Marin Theatre Company's production of *Side by Side by Sondheim* is not the same revue you may have seen before. It's been revamped, cut, added to, and re-choreographed by director Randal K. West and executive producer Ellie Mednick. Less intimate and not as structured as I remember, this version has replaced the original urbane nar[illegible]r with two singers. Eight songs have been added from *Follies*, and while I love that score, this new segment seems to send the revue off into a different direction.

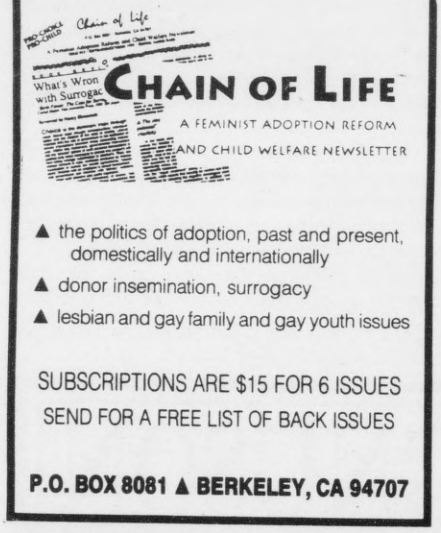
My basic misgivings are that some of the numbers seem out of focus in their present context (*Gypsy*'s "You Gotta Have A Gimmick" is a fairly desperate choice for an eleventh-hour waker-upper); there was considerable close-range mugging going on; and there seemed to be a bit much unnecessary, repetitious choreography (time steps and cramped arm movements).

Robert Bubon and Maureen McVerry were fine on "Now" from *A Little Night Music*, and Meg Mackay then joined Bubon for a nicely sardonic "You Must Meet My Wife" from the same musical. Sarah Dacey and Scott Grinthal were well paired on "We're Gonna Be Alright." Mackay was a blast on "I Never Do Anything Twice," and comedic genius McVerry made "The Boy From" sound fresh again. Mackay and Dacey were terrific on "A Boy Like That," but "Ah Paree," a camp number at best, was ill-suited for Dacey, or perhaps for any of the women.

Grinthal was vocally winsome on "Anyone Can Whistle," then let his voice soar on "Beautiful Girls." McVerry's wistful interpretation of "I'm Still Here," was a nice change from the usual belted version. Bubon's "Buddy's Blues" was notably funny and Dacey and McVerry's "Can That Boy Foxtrot" left no innuendo unturned. Mackay's "Losing My Mind" was poignant and moving until she sacrificed its torchy emotion to a final big belt.

Then of course there was that ensemble number, "Side by Side," with its perky wit and toe-tapping tempo to close the evening.

Side by Side plays through Aug. 29 at the Marin Theatre Company, Mill Valley. Call 388-5208.



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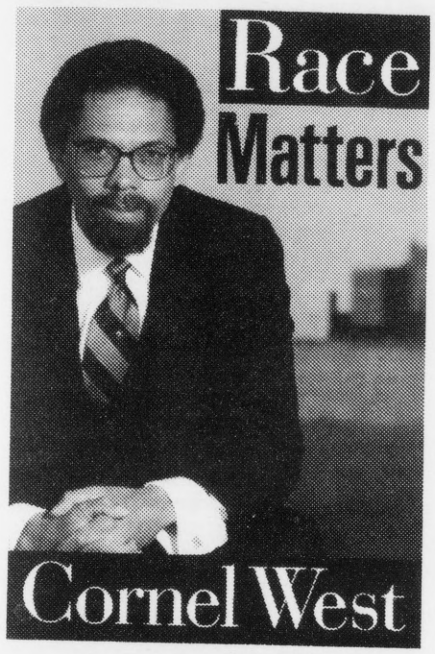
Race Matters
By Cornel West
Beacon Press, 1993



Reviewed by Thom Bean

Race Matters is a short book. It consists of a preface and eight essays having to do with race. Each essay, independent of what preceded and what follows, begins with a relevant quote from one of the more famous Black writers—James Baldwin, Ralph Ellison, Richard Wright, bell hooks, Malcolm X, Martin Kilson, Audre Lorde, Lorraine Hansberry and Toni Morrison. Impressive company.

Cornel West confines his attention to the ongoing American saga of Black/Black, White/White, and Black/White relationships. *Race Matters* is readable, prophetic, on the mark. West redefines American race consciousness in broader terms. Race is the fabric of our society and West is the couturier. This book is beneficial to those who would work on their relations, their understanding and their oppression of others; who survive the ongoing scars of institutional racism. In his introduction, West writes:

> Since the beginning of the nation, White Americans have suffered from a deep inner uncertainty as to who they really are. One of the ways that has been used to simplify the answer has been to seize upon the presence of Black Americans and use them as a marker, a symbol of limits, a metaphor for the "outsider."

The media portray the underside, the stereotypes with few appealing role models, and too many symbols of powerlessness. West writes:

> To engage in a serious discussion of race in America, we must begin not with the problems of Black people but with the flaws of American society—flaws rooted in historic inequalities and longstanding cultural stereotypes.

West gives an overview of Black political and economic status and Black significance in America. "To establish a new framework, we need to begin with a frank acknowledgment of the basic humanness of each of us...Today 86 percent of White suburban Americans live in neighborhoods that are less than 1 percent Black...There is no escape from our interracial interdependence, yet enforced racial hierarchy dooms us as a nation to collective paranoia and hysteria—the unmaking of any democratic order." West is candid about our fears and failures as a separate but interdependent society:

> Post-modern culture is more and more a market culture dominated by gangster mentalities and self-destructive wantonness. This culture engulfs all of us—yet its impact on the disadvantaged is devastating, resulting in extreme violence in everyday life. Sexual violence against women and homicidal assaults by young Black men on one another are only the most obvious signs of this empty quest for pleasure, property and power.

In "Nihilism in America," West does not leave us without hope and his vision as to what is to be done:

> Nihilism is to be understood here not as a philosophic doctrine that there are no rational grounds for legitimate standards or authority; it is, far more, the lived experience of coping with a life of horrifying meaninglessness, hopelessness, and (most important) lovelessness. The frightening result is a numbing detachment from others and a self-destructive disposition toward the world. Life without meaning, hope, and love breeds a cold-hearted, mean-spirited outlook that destroys both the individual and others.

In "The Pitfalls of Racial Reasoning," West defines Blackness, lampoons Black leadership, advocates for cultural democracy, and articulates some common ground for an estranged Black community:

> What is Black authenticity? Who is really Black? First, Blackness has no meaning outside of a system of race-conscious people and practices...All people with black skin and African phenotype are subject to potential White supremacist abuse. Hence, all Black Americans have some interest in resisting racism— even if their interest is confined solely to themselves as individuals rather than to larger Black communities.

Many valid points are well-made in "The Crisis of Black Leadership." However, conspicuously absent is any mention of anything about gay leadership or the bisexuality of certain well-known Black leaders. West defines and critiques what leadership exists, and pays homage to James Baldwin:

> There are a few race-transcending prophets on the current Black intellectual scene. James Baldwin was one. He was self-taught and self-styled, hence beholden to no White academic patronage system...To be a serious Black leader is to be a race-transcending prophet who critiques the powers that be (including the Black component of the Establishment) and who puts forward a vision of moral regeneration and political insurgency for the purpose of fundamental social change for all who suffer from socially induced misery.

In "Demystifying the New Black Conservatism," West addresses the antipathy between old-guard liberal leadership and some of the new Black conservatives. This writer felt somewhat short-changed on space given to the role affirmative action plays in race matters. More could have been said about its necessity, the abuse it underwent during the Republican administrations, and how affirmative action could be refocused and expanded.

West re-visits the derivation of Black anti-Semitism and Jewish racism in "On Black-Jewish Relations." He does not adequately present the Palestinian argument or mention the world-wide support given their cause. In fact West appears to be something of an apologist. These are not the musings of an activist or a dissident, but of a comfortable beneficiary of the activism of the outraged who make things happen. West praises the pro-Jewish voices of many Black NYC ministers and lambasts Reverend Sharpton without mentioning his name. There is praise and criticism to be voiced on both sides. Not mentioned is that many of the same pulpits that are not informed about Gaza or the West Bank are equally uninformed about lesbians and gays.

West ties the fear of interracialism to racism, and revisits America's unfinished business with Black sexuality.

> Anytime two human beings find genuine pleasure, joy, and love, the stars smile and the universe is enriched. Yet as long as that pleasure, joy, and love is still predicated on myths of Black sexuality, the more fundamental challenge of humane interaction remains unmet. Instead, what we have is White access to Black bodies on an equal basis—but not yet the demythologizing of Black sexuality...White fear of Black sexuality is a basic ingredient of White racism.

It is intellectually dishonest to pontificate that Black rage is inappropriate and hold Blacks to unending Eurocentric standards of polite and pre-approved objection. It is the threat, the Malcolms, the rage, the unpredictability that make things happen, as West concedes in "Malcolm X and Black Rage." Each of us has his or her role to play, and all advocacy and even fairness is of value. But it is not for bystanders to critique the methodology of accomplishment they will not lend to or cannot support. Having said that, this writer and activist could not concur more with West's general assessment of Malcolm X:

> Malcolm X articulated Black rage in a manner unprecedented in American history...The substance of what he said highlighted the chronic refusal of most Americans to acknowledge the sheer absurdity that confronts human beings of African descent in this country—the incessant assaults on Black intelligence, beauty, character, and possibility. His profound commitment to affirm Black humanity at any cost and his tremendous courage to accent the hypocrisy of American society made Malcolm X the prophet of Black rage—then and now.

There is a great wisdom, clarity and some brilliant analysis in *Race Matters*. Missing is the antipathy between lighter- and darker-skinned Blacks. The antipathy between Caribbean, African and American-born Blacks. The growth and evolution in hate groups on both sides of the spectrum. Though West is deferential to gay rights, there was scant analysis, and little shared insight, into the dilemma of Black lesbians and gays who are estranged from both the Black and gay communities. Though lauded, gays remained without the honor of faces and names to make their accomplishments relevant and respected—a matter of some importance in all race matters.

Written on the Body
by Jeanette Winterson
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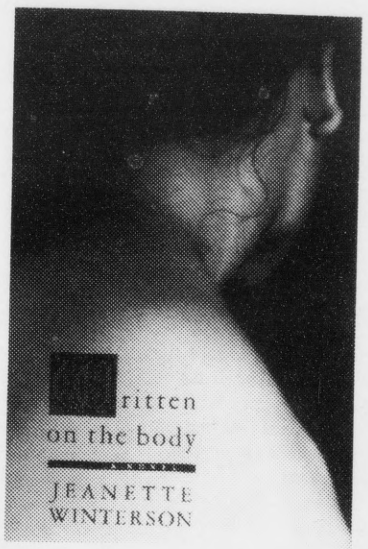

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Jeanette Winterson's *Written on the Body* is one of the most talked-about lesbian novels of the year. Winterson already established herself in international circles with her astonishingly original 1987 novel of magic realism called *The Passion*. Her earlier autobiographical novel, *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*, was adapted very successfully into the acclaimed BBC film of the same name, shown here at the San Francisco International Lesbian/Gay Film Festival and then later on national cable TV. Her novel *Sexing the Cherry* (not my favorite) helped her clinch the award from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters. And

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now, this Brit writer in her early 30s brings us yet another well-crafted and thoughtful work in *Written on the Body*, a story of a passionate affair where the gender of one of the lovers remains open to interpretation.

The novel is not overwhelmingly interesting to me in terms of figuring out whether the lover-narrator is essentially male or female. What I like most about the book is its literariness. I'm willing to accept that the narrator exhibits multiple qualities—not so much blending genders together as alternating between butch and femme personas. Winterson manipulates the character's gender identity around recognizable tropistic cues; e.g., by emphasizing the allure of femme attire. Thus the narrator is allowed a varied and sometimes contrary array of sexual personas within the story at any given time. For lesbians who routinely experience many variations of both sides within themselves and in relation to their partners, this might not seem to be so daring. But what Winterson does in this book which has proven to be so controversial is to give free rein to multiple gender attributes within a bourgeois literary context, not a queer context.

In *Orlando*, Virginia Woolf displayed her romantic couplings in the framework of the old dualities: either male/female or later, after the transformation, female/male. Winterson updates the project by bringing the lesbian and gay undercurrent just a little closer to the mainstream surface. To me *Written on the Body* is a novel about a sexual/romantic obsession and break-up written by a lesbian and narrated by a butch character involved with a straight woman who is on the cusp of coming out.

Passion is what the author focuses on. Passion maintains tension, and passion fuels the key relationship and blows it asunder. Winterson studies the intricacies with obsessive interest and unflagging fervor. *Written on the Body* is as much about passion as *The Passion* is about multiple identity, visceral romance, and the all-consuming red-headed female object of desire.

The narrator muses, "You said, 'I love you.' Why is it that the most unoriginal thing we can say to one another is still the thing we long to hear? ... we speak like savages who have found three words and worship them."

Winterson describes the loss of passion as well and as accurately as she charts the beginning and high points of an affair. Of a falling-apart relationship, she says, "It has shrivelled, lies limp and unused, the shell of a marriage, its inhabitants both fled." The narrator continues, "It was not I who did those things; cut the knot, jemmied the lock, made off with goods not mine to take. The door was open." After an aside about an affair with another married woman, the narrator says chidingly, "When we were over, I wanted my letters back."

Written on the Body is a literary book, the kind of book which not only tells the story of romance, break-up and death, but does so self-consciously. The language often seems to write itself through the author's freely associating mind. Words spill into words and jump from image to image down the stream of thought.

Many sections of this book read more like prose poems than narrative fiction. The second half has a series of headers such as "The Cells, Tissues, Systems and Cavities of the Body." It reminds me a great deal of Monique Wittig's classic, *The Lesbian Body*, with its highly poeticized language about sex, violence, the physical body and death, all intertwined in descriptions which resonate beyond themselves as deeper symbols. Winterson writes about Louise's body; Louise, the ex-lover of the narrator who is also literally being x'd from life itself: "In the old or ill, the nostrils flare. ...The body is making way for worms. As I embalm you in my memory, the first thing I shall do is to hook out your brain through your accommodating orifices. Now that I have lost you I cannot allow you to develop, you must be a photograph, not a poem."

I love what this says about the nature of a relationship that is being reduced from an ongoing multivalent adventure to something more finite, static and constrained, like a memory. Of course, the whole book is really a reconstruction of memories of a relationship that is now dead, and the book itself is a living testament to the ability of memory to resurrect dead loves and turn them into necrophiliac adventures. It's all so very Mallarme, Baudelaire, Edgar Allen Poe—so romantic, so morbid and so timeless. This time the lover is consumed by cancer instead of syphilis or TB. The lovestruck narrator reads all the self-help grief books, takes up some of the suggestions, but comes back time and again to the truth that repeats itself like a mantra throughout the novel: "It's the cliches that cause the trouble." And this also means the cliches of romanticism. This knowledge allows Winterson, as well as the narrator, enough distance to view her predicament with a caustic sense of irony and sometimes even with a cavalier sense of humor. It helps keep the book from getting too bogged down in its own concerns.

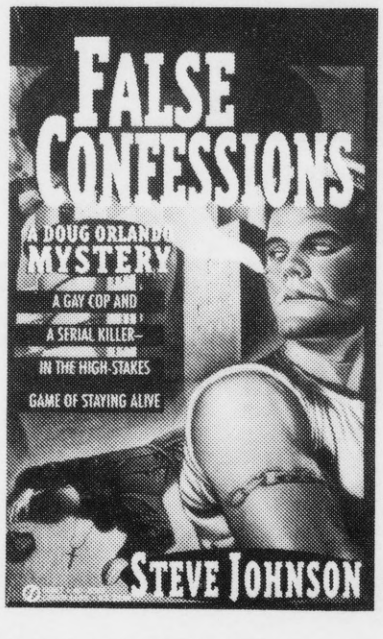
Written on the Body is full of *bons mots* and psychological truisms about women in love. This is true despite Winterson's caginess about not having any real lesbian sex scenes or describing or openly admitting lesbian desire. Perhaps that's why *Written on the Body* has become such a crossover success. I guess it gives straight readers a chance to deconstruct lesbian novels in order to find the universality common to stories of romance and passion—something with which they can identify. It's an inversion of how lesbian and gay readers have always had to find themselves behind the heterosexual paradigms.

The catch, of course, is that this is not an explicitly lesbian novel, and so its working strategy is more akin to how gay writers have traditionally transformed gay characters from their heads and histories into heterosexual characters on the page. By not naming the gender of the narrator, Winterson has done something both new and very old: she's suppressed any explicit lesbian content. Given the underrepresentation of lesbian characters in literature, this omission is a disappointment. It also gives too much female erotic power to the male gender, which is a pretty straight thing for a girl to do.

On the other hand, the purposefully conflicting indications don't really allow for gender certainty. In a way Winterson makes it difficult for the narrative to easily revert back to the dominant paradigm of heterosexuality, as it usually does by default. It's fair to say that her mind fuck is interesting, but really too academic for my randy tastes. I find it infinitely more exciting when the boys are really girls in love with girls.

False Confessions

by Steve Johnson
Penguin Books, 1993; $3.99


FALSE CONFESSIONS
A DOUG ORLANDO MYSTERY
A GAY COP AND A SERIAL KILLER—
IN THE HIGH-STAKES GAME OF STAYING ALIVE
STEVE JOHNSON

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

On the heels of his successful debut novel, *Final Atonement*, which won this year's Lambda Gay Mystery Award, Steve Johnson has come up with another strikingly original novel in the Doug Orlando series. *False Confessions* is the best casual reading I've come across yet. Johnson's style is perfectly cinematic, perfectly noirish, but also full of compassion, insight and complexity that never fail to cut directly to the bone. The author, like his gay cop protagonist, overlooks nothing in his quest for precision, truth and the meaning and intentions behind the actions of the characters in his book.

Motivations are uncovered as the plot opens into a multiplicity of details which ring absolutely true. The plot twists are clever and clean, never contrived, and Johnson makes it all easy to follow and pleasurable to keep pace with. Best of all, the book is loaded with gay and lesbian characters. It examines gay politics, relationships, issues and community values. At work on his third novel in this series, Steve Johnson may very well turn out to be our queer Raymond Chandler of the '90s.

False Confessions pits Detective Orlando of Brooklyn Homicide against a serial killer who has a murderous rage against certain types of gay men. Until the very end, the killer's identity is up for grabs; a number of suspects, frame-ups, and conspirators are in the wings. Detective Orlando is not actually assigned to the serial killer case, but he takes it upon himself to snare the psycho because "gay victims, especially underground-culture gays, won little sympathy from the police department ... and lack of compassion for the victim sent cases on the fast track to the graveyard file ... Orlando vowed this case wasn't going that route, not as long as he was on the force."

While investigating the murder of a Catholic priest, Orlando begins his parallel investigation of the needle torturer stalking the city. Through an informant, Orlando learns that the now-deceased Father Morant was privy to the murderer's confession. On top of that, it is the priest's attitude toward homosexuality that serves as the unusual linchpin around which the mystery revolves. All the clues, characters, political intrigues and intergroup dynamics ricochet off the corpse of the priest, which Orlando is examining on the first page of the novel even before the unit photographer or the forensics team arrives.

Orlando is a great detective. He literally sniffs out the clues and has the uncanny ability to identify with other people, both dead and alive, by entering into their physical and mental spaces with complete empathy. When it comes to searching for the monster behind the serial killings, Orlando goes beyond the clues and modus operandi and moves toward finding out the "why" of the ram-

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page. We see the psychopathic mind acting upon its own grotesque logic. We understand how things can happen in this world of Doug Orlando where revenge is a daily operant and where pleasure can blur into pain as easily as love can slip into hatred.

Orlando's search takes him to places like No Exit, a punk S/M club by the Hudson, and the Red Demon, a notorious tattoo and piercing parlor. Throughout the book, he comes into contact with Catholic clergy and ex-clergy who are conservative, homophobic, sexually twisted and alcoholic, as well as some who are closeted but actively gay, liberationist and pro-abortion. He comes to grips with members of Queer Nation, Dignity and the Aryan Brotherhood.

All the while, Orlando is involved in a domestic relationship with his long-term lover Stewart, who was introduced beautifully in the last book, and expanded upon as a character in this one. Other characters reappear, like Ronnie, the dyke medical examiner who has turned into a modified lipstick lesbian going through a mid-life crisis, as is Orlando, who sees ghosts of dead friends who used to frequent the now defunct Ramrod in the good 'ole leather days before the holocaust. Also making a comeback in this book is Orlando's cruel arch-rival, Briggs, who shot a Black youth in the back, claimed self-defense, and returned to the police force after a mere six-month suspension, which he got not for killing the kid, but for falsifying a police report. Herb Chiligny, queeny activist and columnist for the *Village World*, known for his exposes of police corruption, comes into *False Confessions* as a man accused of murder.

As other characters come back, new ones are introduced; including Chiligny's ex-lover Anthony, a member of Queer Nation. There's also Rick Dunham, a pivotal Wall Street character who came out of the closet to employ gay juvies in his freelance office. Propelling the book are the young gay street hustlers, tattoo artists, bar patrons, little old Italian widows and police wives.

Subconscious fears, vendettas, love turned to hatred, guilt and shame motivate the characters along with nobler notions of justice, friendship, love and political idealism. Characters speak to each other in ways that are incisive, profound and natural at the same time. " [He] studied Orlando's face for a moment. 'I guess you're right when you say I left the Church when [he] left me, but it's not the way you think. There comes a time when you just get tired of constantly being abused by those you want to embrace you. You can't be gay and have any real self-respect and belong to that Church in its present condition; [he] proved that. Being gay and being Catholic are mutually exclusive as far as I'm concerned. The people who stay with Dignity are only fooling themselves' ... Orlando pushed up from his chair. He wanted to escape that wounded look in [his] eyes."

As we approach the heart-pounding climax of the novel, Steve Johnson leaves us with a few dangling questions about a police brotherhood of racism, and about Ronnie's secret unfulfilled fantasy involving her extended gay family. I'm sure we'll hear about all of this and more in the next installment of the Doug Orlando Mystery series. ✿

and a little less hostility. The idea for having most of the functions is to have fun! If that's what you come to these events for: Welcome. If you come to these events to bitch, then stay home.

PACIFIC BEAR'S ANNIVERSARY

I owe the Pacific Bear California an apology for missing their anniversary party at the Eagle on Saturday, Aug. 28. I heard it was very busy and a lot of fun. Congratulations to the group for a very successful year and to many more.

NORTHERN CAL CHEEKS & CHAPS

It was a big turnout at the Wreck Room in Sacramento, Saturday night Sept. 4 for the Mr. and Ms. Northern California Cheeks & Chaps contest. Sacramento has made its mark at the International finals by winning either the Mr. or Ms. title every year. Also, they are the rowdiest group I have ever heard. The decibel scale reached its maximum during the contest when they gave the famous Sacramento cheer. Producer Bill Gooch (Mr. Int'l Cheeks & Chaps '91) does a great job each year and manages to get a busload of people to trek down to SF for the finals.

There were no Ms. contestants, and the SLA members were very concerned and remarked that they would find out why and try to rectify the problem. Jana Courson (Ms. Int'l Cheeks & Chaps '93) was also anxious to find out why there are less and less women participating in Sacramento. My best wishes to Jana and to the SLA to find a solution on how to encourage more women to participate.

And now for the winners: Robbi Swenson was 2nd runner-up, Randy Carlile was 1st runner-up, and Calvin Lindberg was the new Mr. Northern California '94. Calvin was very jazzed and has many good ideas for future fundraisers. Good luck, Calvin!

DADDY'S BOY CONTEST

A big crowd gathered at the Eagle for the Labor Day Beer Bust and Daddy's Boy contest. Nine contestants stood at attention, answered questions, and stripped down to almost nothing in hopes of winning the prestigious title. Judges Judith Tury (Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps '93), Mark Mckee (Mr. Alameda Co. Leather '92), Random Chance, Spot (Northern Calif. Drummer Boy '93), Randy Wright (Mr. Alameda Co. Leather '93), and Tally Master Jimmy Lee Murray asked some very good questions to help them make a decision on which contestant would make the best community servant. Co-emcee Tom Ammiano was hysterical

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1994 N. Cal Cheeks & Chaps winners: l-r Robbi Swenson, Alvin Lindberg, Randy Carlisle.

by st. clair adams

Don't Bite the Hand That Helps You

Does the community really know what goes into a contest or production? In my eight years of fundraising and contest involvement I have learned that most people don't realize how much time, energy and personal emotion is invested in events. Most of the work is done before the event, and is therefore invisible to the public eye. It includes planning, mailings, postering, advertising, activity scheduling, compiling the event program, flyering, contracting, screening contestants, finding entertainers, donation gathering, building props and sometimes rehearsals. The people doing all this work never really get credit for it.

It's even more difficult during the event: If one part of the plan goes awry it creates a domino effect that you may not be able to cover for, no matter how much planning has gone into it. And it's unfortunate that the nature of some community members is to focus on those mistakes. People forget that the event has been done as a benefit, with no individual profit. We have to remember that we are all human and will make a few mistakes.

We as a community need to allow room for error. How can people pass judgment, especially if they don't know why the mistake happened? So many are involved in these productions, but the emcees, titleholders, judges or producers are most often the focus for blame. The unfair criticism makes people feel like abandoning this work. After a while, there will be no one left to do fundraising or party planning.

We have to look at the bigger picture. Did you have a good time overall, even if the event wasn't perfect? If you have a constructive suggestion, I am sure that any producer, titleholder or emcee would be happy to listen to you. As a community, we need to come back down to earth and treat events and fundraisers with a little more respect

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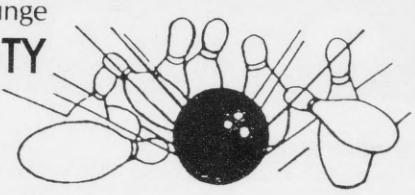

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A VERY POPULAR VACATION LEAGUE IS BACK!

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MONDAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

THE LONGEST RUNNING GAY LEAGUE IN SF! The starting date will be **September 13**—Teams of 5 bowlers—men/women or mixed—Cost will be $11.25 per person per week. League bowls on Mondays at **8:45 PM.**

TUESDAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

EASILY THE LARGEST LEAGUE BOWLING AT JAPANTOWN. Every season we have 20 teams strong, so if you want to get in on the action, you will have to sign up early or you will be left out. The starting date for this league will be **September 14**—5 bowlers to a team—men/women or mixed. Cost is $11.25 per person per week. League bowls every Tuesday at **8:45 PM.**

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

THIS LEAGUE IS A BALL AND ALL WILL HAVE A GOOD TIME. The starting date for this league will be **September 15**—Teams are of 5 bowlers—men/women or mixed—Cost is $10.25 per person per week. League bowls on Wednesdays at **8:45 PM.**

SUNDAY RENO LEAGUE

THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY GAY RENO LEAGUE IN SF! This league culminates in a great, fun 3-day weekend in Reno. Cost is $13.50 per person per week (includes trip, bus transportation, lodging, and cash back coupons). 4 bowlers to a team—men/women or mixed—League bowls on Sundays at **6:00 PM** starting **September 12.**

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as usual and had a few new jokes about the military porn stars. A short auction by auctioneers Random Chance and Don Killam, and entertainment by the talented Peter Barclay filled the afternoon. All the boys were well behaved and should get a big hand (across their butts) for a job well done. The money they raised by selling raffle tickets plus the money from the auction totaled over $4,800 for the AIDS Emergency Fund. All the contestants were winners, but only three of them could place. The 2nd runner-up was Keith Shaw, 1st runner-up was Craig Neely, and David Magennis is the new SF Leather Daddy's Boy. Don Thompson did a good job on the production and kept the event on time.

COMING UP

Bare Chest Calendar: Sunday, Sept. 12, will be an auction of all of the Bare Chest calendar models at the Eagle beer bust from 3-6 pm. Bid on your favorite hunk and get not only a dinner, but also your very own signed copy of the calendar. The auctioneers for this event will be Mr. Marcus, Art Tomaszewski (Mr. Headquarters '92), Lenny Broberg (IML '92) and myself.

Leather Pride Week: Talk about a week of nonstop parties and fun, as you can tell by the following list of activities. This is a great time for the members of the leather family to stand up and be counted. As a leather person, I take this week off for the parties, parties and even more parties.

LSM Roundup: "Bound by Serenity," the clean and sober Leather/SM/Fetish Round Up, begins on Friday, Sept. 17 and goes until Sunday, Sept. 19. The Round Up has expanded this year to include many different types of recovery programs and will have over 20 related workshops. The Round Up organizers hope that added time for socializing and "play" will help to form new friendships between Leather/SM/Fetish folks from around the country. Call the L/SM Round Up hotline for more info: 764-2990.

Int'l Cheeks & Chaps: The first Mr. Cheeks & Chaps contest was held in 1987 at the Hi Chaparral. It later was moved to the Eagle and has been held there ever since. After the first year at the Eagle, the title was expanded to include and show support to our leather sisters. The 1992 contest was the first year that regional titles from all over the Northern California area competed in the San Francisco finals. This year the regional titles have grown and we are expecting a very competitive contest. The Int'l finals will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Eagle starting at 8:30 pm. An $8 beer bust will begin at 8 pm, with the proceeds going to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Leatherwalk 1993, a fundraiser for the AIDS Emergency Fund, is a great way to celebrate leather pride. On Sunday, Sept. 19, the walk begins from the Headquarters bar on Castro Street starting at 2 pm and ends at the SF Eagle. This is a big event to undertake, and the man in charge is Art Tomaszewski (Mr. Headquarters Leather '92), member of the Board of Directors of the AIDS Emergency Fund. If you would like to participate in this year's walk or would like to be a sponsor, you may call 334-4103 for more information or to get a sponsor package.

Drummer Receptions: On Monday, Sept. 20, join the Drummer contestants at the Jackhammer, 6-9 pm, for a reception. They are having a beer bust for $5 and a free buffet. After you finish at the Jackhammer you can move on to the Eagle from 8-11 pm for a continued reception. On Tuesday, Sept. 21, meet the Drummer contestants at the Headquarters 6-8 pm. Things are just getting started, so don't miss out. After your tour of the Castro, the Eagle is hosting the Australia group from 7-11 pm. The Aussies are one of the friendliest groups of guys I have partied with. If you haven't met them yet, don't miss this one. Later on it is back to the Headquarters for a nightcap party and to watch Larry (owner of Headquarters) take his pick of the hot contestants, or for you to take a shot at the contestants. On Wednesday, Sept. 22, the Watering Hole is hosting a meet-the-contestants reception starting at 6 pm. There will be a buffet provided for those who are just getting off from work. Emerson Briney (Mr. Int'l Drummer '93) hosts a Travel Fund Basket auction from 8 pm, until all the filled baskets are sold (at the SF Eagle).

Leather Fetish Expo: Starting on Thursday, Sept. 23, a Leather Fetish Expo will begin at the SF Concourse at about 5 pm for $5 at the door. It will continue throughout the weekend. I have not received a schedule of times yet, but will bring you the info as soon as I can.

Fetish & Fantasy: Thursday, Sept. 23, Don Thompson (SF Leather Daddy VIII) hosts the 1993 Fetish and Fantasy Ball from 7:30 pm to midnight at the SF Concourse. All proceeds raised will go to the AIDS Emergency Fund. Advanced tickets are available for $10 at all Mr. S Leathers, Robb Gallery, and at both Headlines or can be bought at the door for $12. The Drummer contestants will be presented, along with fantasies by the Drummer Boys and international guests. DJ Steve Williams, with emcee Emerson Briney (Int'l Mr. Drummer '93) and Don Thompson will guide you through. Dance your night away (dress in costume and you may win the costume contest).

Int'l Drummer: Friday, Sept. 24, is the Jockstrap and Leather image portion of the Drummer competition starting at 9 pm. Because of so many contestants and so many things to score on, the competition has been split over the two nights. This portion is $15 at the door.

The Int'l Drummer and Drummer Boy contest will be held Sept. 25 at the SF Concourse starting at 8 pm and will cost you $25 in advance and $35 at the door. Current Int'l Mr. Drummer Emerson Briney has done so much. He has done a fine job as a titleholder and like many of the other hard workers deserves a vacation and praise. Drummer Boy John Hare has also had a good year and has been all over. Both of them deserve a "big hand or paddle!"

Folsom Street Fair: The Finale of Leather Week!! This very leathery street fair has grown to be one of the largest street fairs anywhere. Wall-to-wall crafts vendors and people will line the streets on Sunday, Sept. 26. The fair opens at 10 am, but in my experience it doesn't get going until 12 or 1 pm. Bring your sunscreen, because it is normally hot and sunny. Also bring breath fresheners, because you might just meet Mr. or Ms. Right. After the fair, the Lone Star, SF Eagle, Headquarters, Jackhammer, Pendulum, The Bear, Watering Hole, Edge and the Rawhide II will be having parties in some form or another.

Leather Winter Retreat: I would like to get your response and ideas on having a Winter Leather Weekend at the Russian River. I have been asked by the river businesses to host a winter version in late January. The river is anxious to have the leather group back soon after the summer event. Please send your comments or ideas to PO Box #4, Redwood City, CA 94064. ✿

Briefs...

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Lesbian-Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, "The appointment of an 'out' lesbian to such a powerful commission gives our community something to celebrate during these difficult times. I think she will challenge many brutal stereotypes of lesbian and gay people." Goodfriend is the sixth out queer to be appointed to a state board or commission. What's going on in Texas?

• While Cobb County, Ga. (a suburb of Atlanta), is busy condemning the homosexual lifestyle, Mayor Mike Mears of Decatur, a nearby suburb, is welcoming that same way of living. "We in Decatur officially recognize same-sex families, single-parent families, everyone," says Mears. "We in Decatur take a 180-degree opposite view of that in Cobb."

• The battle for gay rights continues in Oregon. Though a new state law nixes the enforcement of anti-gay-rights legislation, the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), that infamous fundie queer-bashing organization, has placed more anti-gay-rights initiatives on the ballot in cities and counties throughout the state. So court battles are waging all over the place to see whose measure gets heeded. The OCA is challenging the state law.

• Speaking of our favorite Northwestern state, you can probably guess at least one of the three favorite targets of censorship in Oregon last year. They were gays, Satan and profane language. This according to a report from People for the American Way, which fights censorship and bigotry. The group will have a field day in Oregon, that's for sure. The good news is that about three-quarters of the censorship efforts were rejected by school boards and superintendents.

• The Women's Center in Albuquerque, N.M. reports that the campus of the University of New Mexico has been plastered with white supremacist posters that are racist, sexist and homophobic. The group doing the postering is the National Alliance. Campus President Richard Peck said that while the group has a First Amendment right to its opinions, "I wish they would come out and debate it."

Associated Press also contributed to this report. ✿

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■ HELP WANTED

Women's B&B seeks housekeeper/cook. 10-20 hrs/wk, weekends and mornings. $8/hr. Must be gregarious, organized, know the area. 863-0538.

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Development Assistant: Provide administrative support for Development Department of a homeless and runaway youth agency. Develop, manage and update donor database. Assist with the preparation and editing of grant proposals, newsletters, and other fundraising documents. Word-processing, spreadsheet & database experience required. Macintosh experience preferred. Excellent writing, editing, proofreading and communication skills required. $20,000-$26,687/yr (DOE) plus benefits. Cover letter & resume by 9/15/93 to (no calls please): Personnel Coordinator—Bay, Larkin Street Youth Center, 1044 Larkin St, SF CA 94109. People of color encouraged to apply.

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Old Wives' Tales feminist bookstore is looking for a new collective member! **This is not a "job"**—This is proprietor/general manager level responsibility for a small nonprofit business. For the whole story, including salary & benefits, send a SASE to OWT, 1009 Valencia St, SF 94110. **No phone calls—absolutely none**.

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Lesbian/gay rights group seeks responsible, motivated Administrative Assistant. Responsibilities include clerical, phones, data entry, coordinating special projects. Salary 20K plus health/dental insurance. Contact: S. Taravella, AAPHR, PO Box 14366, SF 94114. Women, people of color strongly encouraged to apply.

Administrative Position: 10-15 hrs/wk, lesbian company. Typing and people skills required. Send resume and 2 references to LoveWorks, 205 Crystal Springs Center, Suite 37, San Mateo, CA 94402.

½ Time Client Advocate for crisis counseling and advocacy to work with victims of lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender hate crimes. **Apply:** Cover letter & resume to CUAV, 973 Market St, Suite 500, SF CA 94103 by 9/22/93.

■ VOLUNTEERS

Youth Talkline: Be a part of the first lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning Youth Talkine in the Bay Area! Young people 23 and under are needed to staff the lines and volunteers of all ages are needed to provide support. People of color, bilingual people, transgender people and people with HIV and AIDS are especially encouraged to get involved. Call LYRIC, the Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center at (415) 703-6150 ext 4 for more information.

Women: Help end violence against women. Volunteer at the Riley Center Shelter for battered women. Crisis line, children's program, peer counseling and special projects. Call Beth at (415) 255-2754.

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European Community Spaniard, 37 yo, interested in marriage of mutual benefit with US citizen. Ole! Reply BT Box AG902A.

European lesbian seeks marriage of convenience with gay man. Reply BT Box SP900A.

Handsome Lebanese GWM, 29, computer programmer, seeks female (especially those of Middle Eastern descent) for mutually beneficial marriage. Reply: Ty, 2831 Steinmetz Way, Oakland, CA 94602.

■ PARENTING

Latina lesbian couple seek Mexican American gay/bisexual man who is interested in being a known/active donor and daddy.

Are you ready to sing "she's having my baby?" 30 year old, attractive, together financially and emotionally stable woman (involved with another woman) desires a male partner to parent child(ren) with. I'm Jewish, dark curly hair, great sense of humor, and wild about kids. Are you? (415) 641-4512.

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■ BUSINESS RENTAL

Therapy Office for rent in Grand Lake area of Oakland—$115/day. Less/day for multiple days. **Private, quiet, beautiful**. Lisa (510) 444-8726.

■ HOUSING SOUGHT

Two Housemates Wanted: Queer friends looking for two women to make comfortable home with starting Oct 1. Clean, shared household responsibilities. Robert 554-0135, Selena 731-9924.

October first 6 weeks, male 44, NS/ND, Castro or nearby, one-bedroom or studio. Michael (415) 621-6584.

■ ROOMS FOR RENT

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■ APT TO SHARE

Two women friends (lesbian/straight) seek woman (38+, feminist, exploring healing, political concerns) for caring cheerful household. Huge flat: sunny, shared art/workroom, laundry, yard. Large quiet bedroom. No smoking. No cats. Near GG Park. $442/mo. (415) 552-4988.

Livermore: Seeking lesbian/gay rommate. Clean/quiet nature. Furnished room with private bath. $400 plus ½ utilities. Call John, (510) 455-4007.

Noe Valley share. Large top flat. Great location. Spacious. View. Laundry. Easy parking, on Muni. Woman preferred. $600/mo. (415) 285-4768.

Share sunny, quiet two bedroom apartment with lesbian artist. Haight/Duboce Park. Hardwood floors, garden, good transportation. Nonsmoking, no pets. Woman only. $420, ½ utilities, deposit. (415) 431-9414.

Young gay professional seeks nonsmoking roommate to share sunny Pacific Heights apartment with hardwood floors, washer/dryer, gas stove, shared yard and storage space. Convenient to transportation, shopping & gym. $600/mo. 441-3039.

$402.50 plus utilities. Share large 2 bedroom Inner Richmond apartment with 22 yr old lesbian grad student. Age unimportant—nonsmoker, relatively quiet and clean, responsible are. Cat OK with deposit. Available 10/1. (415) 386-0976.

Great room for lesbian (over 30). Bernal Heights. Share flat with one lesbian writer/teacher/feminist and dog. Sunny. Yard. Pets negotiable. No S/M, drugs, smoking. $375/mo plus ½ utilities, deposit. Available Oct 1. Call 821-0195.

Lesbian seeks female roommate for spacious, bright Sunset flat. Quiet important. By park. No animals. 566-6025.

GWM in recovery looking for 2 other gay males at least 6 months clean. Larry 252-9597.

■ HOUSE TO SHARE

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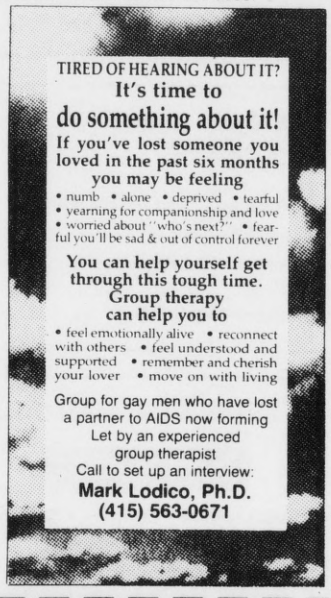
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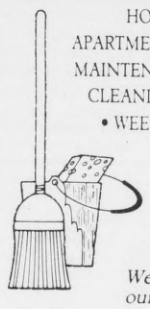

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the personals

WOMEN

Coffee, Tea, Or Me?
This strong, confident, beautiful andro-dyke is looking for a downright fine, self-aware woman who communicates honestly and willingly. I am mid-20s, love to sing, write, talk and eat. I am a slow, sensual lover who enjoys receiving and giving pleasure. You are my age or older, aware of how you fit into the world and what that relationship means to you. You are butch of center, vibrant, sweet, present, not WASPy. Sobriety is your drug of choice—mine too. Let's go slow and see if the fit is right. Call ★★9080.

Billie Holliday Has Kept Me Company
On these lonely romantic evenings without you, your sweet smile, and your exquisite kisses. I miss our walks by the water, the slender, center/androgynous look of you, your twisted sense of humor. Do you miss my love letters, my sweet surprises, my tall, large-sized, curvy-in-all-the-right places body? Come home soon, dearheart, and write soon! PO Box 9151, Oakland 94613 or call ★★9081.

Playful, But Serious
36, soft butch, looking for femme women to have fun with. I want more intimacy in my life. I would like honesty and communication of feelings. I'm 5'2", 140 lbs., brown hair and eyes. I enjoy being playful, joking. I love animals, children and nature. I'm interested in meeting women over 28 for dating and of course working on issues, being there for each other, working out problems. I enjoy cuddling, being romantic, giving & hopefully receiving. I'm also in recovery and spirituality, growing and want to add more fullness and love in my life. Call ★★9082.

See Who I Really Am...
...and desire the real me. MTF transsexual, arts professional, 35+, in midst of well-planned transition, is lovely and loving, pretty, and prettier all the time. I am intelligent, witty, creative, strong and energetic, and I dance beautifully. I also enjoy theater, outdoors, travel, and quiet pursuits. A deeply romantic soul, and a young girl's spirit, luckily coupled with just enough seasoned realism. I want to be in love, and explore my new sexuality in a committed context, with a gentle butch or FTM boyfriend. Want to desire and court a sweet girlfriend? Call ★★9083.

I Love To Laugh!
Playful, affectionate, spontaneous, funny femme-of-center wants to share romance et al with playful, bright woman. I am creative, bright, sometimes serious, psychologically aware, gentle-natured and assertive. I enjoy board games and poker with friends, garage sales, county fairs, the sky, comedy, movies, theater and quiet times at home. I like to do things I've never done before as much as I like to veg out with the TV or a book. I'm 35, average height/weight. I'd like you to be mid-30s to low-40s, not threatened by strong, assertive femme, non-smoker, occasional drink OK, non-judgmental. I hold myself accountable for my behavior and responsible for my feelings (even if I don't know what they are till the next day). Call ★★9084.

This 39 y.o. Lesbian
Seeks to partner with someone interested in creating family by providing a loving, creative and spiritual home for children in the foster care system, and to lead quietly profound lives of commitment to our higher selves through our day to day choices. This search is fully inclusive to differently abled women, deaf or blind women. Reply BT Box SP1A or call ★★9085.

Comfortable? Sincere?
Late-40s to mid-50s, professional, secure, non-activist, enjoy cultural events, soft music, the outdoors? Like things uncomplicated on your time? Are you comfortable with lipstick, make-up and being fashionable, yet happy in jeans and sweats around a campfire? Seeking healthy, balanced friendship, dating and relationship. Prefer you live in San Francisco. No drugs, smokes or problematics. Please write BT Box SP2A.

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Peninsula Dykes, Where Are You Hiding?
Lesbian, 32, androgynous, seeks gal pals, 30+ w/sense of humor, intelligence and imagination. I enjoy biking, long walks, movies, camping, reading, trips to San Francisco, laughing and cooking. Light alcohol, NS, ND. So, if you're looking for fun, call. All calls answered. Call ★★9087.

Happily Ever After...
Need not be reserved for faily tales. Easygoing, attractive GWF, 39, seeks late-30s+ woman who possesses warmth, emotional maturity, intelligence and a sense of humor, to add romance and perhaps a lasting relationship to a well-balanced life. I'm of average height and weight, affectionate, witty, emotionally and financially secure. I'm fond of quality time spent with friends, long walks, jazz, films, dining in or out on the town, as well as weekend getaways. SF, Peninsula appreciated. Please no 12-steppers or substance abusers. If your qualities complement, perhaps we can turn a fairy tale into a reality. Reply BT Box SP3A or call ★★9088.

"I've Got Everything I Need...
almost/'cause I ain't got you/ and you're the thing I need the most." I'm a 28-year-old Taurean of mixed-heritage, who is attracted to women who can hold their own anywhere—be it in the classroom, boardroom, Romper Room or bedroom. I am strong, creative, witty, opinionated, gregarious, intense, sentimental, childish, vulnerable and accomplished. I work hard and play harder. Softball, bowling, swimming, kids, long baths, baseball cards, computer games, cooking, NPR and *People* occupy my leisure time. I am seeking a lover, peer and/or companion, with similar interests, who is warm, confident and smart. Extra points if you can name three Johnny Mathis tunes, or you know which team chose Sam Bowie over Michael Jordan in the 1983 NBA Draft. Reply BT Box SP4A or call ★★9089.

Intelligent Women Make Me Wet
Busy impoverished activist seeks occasional love/affection. My idea of an ideal "relationship": responsive to personal needs while respectful of personal autonomy, non-monogamous yet intimate, honest (of course), and very very passionate. Favorite stuff include: friends, Saturday morning cartoons, chocolate syrup over coffee ice cream, rowdy protests, marijuana, productive meetings, movies and art that make me cry, poetry, sex with the lights on. Call ★★9090.

Interested In Dating?
Single, Black, adventurous, 41 years young, butch, seeking to meet women for evening and weekend hangouts. We can do movies, dinner, concerts, etc., or we can just be mellow walking along a beach, or taking a long drive somewhere. I may be reserved at first, but I can warm up fast if the chemistry is right. You: be feminine, attitude and addiction free, well-groomed, friendship/relationship-oriented, and have a sound mind and body. Call ★★9091.

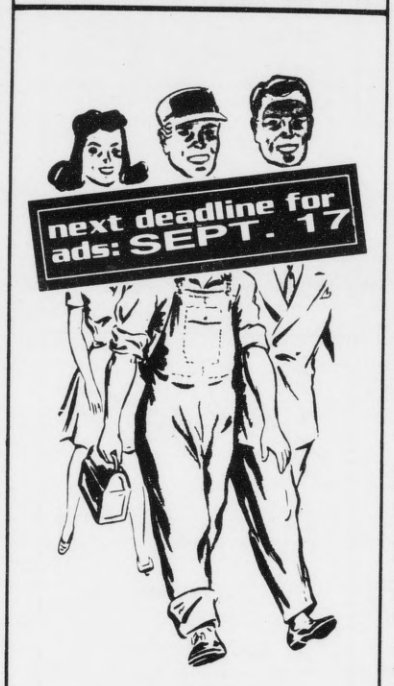
No Nails, No Prudes
Tall, nasty, very attractive, educated, athletic, white, mid-20s, wants someone to hang with. You're early to mid-20s and smoke, drink and eat meat with a beautiful body and a good self-image. Your face will make my mouth water and you're passionate, sexy, somewhat articulate and financially squared away. Fist friendly and no kitty dildoes. In bed or out with good food, good wine, good flicks and modern rock—peppered with an intelligent conversation perhaps, and if you're into it, maybe some Chopin. Lay back. Queers welcome. Will switch. Reply BT Box SP5A or call ★★9092.

Come Share All Your Fantasies With Me!
Young beautiful bi woman with bedroom eyes looking for other exotic bi woman (18-30 years old) to make all your fantasies come true... Call ★★9093.

Wolves
My favorite rules are cavil in the moonlight, make love, howl often. Seeking a special wild woman to share this and much more with. Please give me a howl if you're willing to take the risk. Call ★★9094.

Aussie Seeks Friend
Australian/American GWF, mid-40s, seeks a friend for weekday shared activities. I am looking for friendship only—I am in a committed relationship. I like walking, sightseeing, movies, shopping, talking, museums, art galleries, swimming and just hanging out. Other interests include reading, personal growth, Reiki, teaching small children. Looking forward to your letter. Reply BT Box SP6A.

Shy Middle Eastern Woman
35-year-old, short, soft, round, sensual Middle Eastern lesbian. I like movies (especially film festivals), comedy, reading, used bookstores, antique shows, garage sales, strong coffee, cats, camping and good food and wine. I want to meet a warm, affectionate, fun, down-to-earth, stable woman, 30s-40s, with a great sense of humor, who's more oriented toward relaxed conversation and enjoyment than endless processing, and who'd rather browse a flea market than climb Mt. Everest. No smoking or drugs, light alcohol OK. I'm quite shy, but would love it if you'd draw me out. Reply BT Box SP7A or call ★★9095.



Auntie Mame Said It:
"Life is a banquet, and most poor suckers are starving to death!" I'm a bit hungry; are you? Looking for nonsmoking lesbians in their 30s for friendship and maybe romance. Let's go to the theater, films, and book readings; ride rollercoasters; play Scrabble; drink champagne; cheer the 49ers; travel the globe and Bay. I'm a well-proportioned GWF who looks straight, and can be shy, silly, serious, old-fashioned, political, witty, loquacious and contemplative. I find attractive: enthusiasm, creativity, laugh lines, mental health, world smarts, kind hearts, romantics, truth seekers, people who can poke fun at themselves, and what I get from my dog—loyalty, playfulness and wet, sloppy kisses. Call ★★9096.

Very Soft Butch Or Extremely Tough Femme
Take your pick on the description. Intelligent, educated, questionable sense of humor, seeking the acquaintance of women with similar qualities. Interested in friendship for pursuing shared interests including (but not limited to) camping, gardening, movies. Fortyish. East Bay dwellers given preferential treatment. Intimate relationship possible but not a priority. Call ★★9097.

"Soulmates" Need Not Apply
I don't want you to be "us" before we've even met. However, I am looking for something interesting with someone interesting. In high school (New Jersey) I worshipped at the altar of Springsteen and read Leon Uris. In college (Boston U.) it was the Pretenders and Rita Mae Brown. In grad school (U. Mass, Amherst), it was Throwing Muses and James Baldwin. Currently, it's Melissa Etheridge and Paul Monette/Terry McMillan. I'm not as inert as I may sound, but honestly your ability to hold a conversation is more important to me than how well you perform in a scrum (not that rugby's uncool—I'm just prioritizing!). I'm 31, and live in the North Bay. Wanna talk? Reply BT Box SP8A or call ★★9098.

Lesbian Lover
You are 45-55, spiritually grounded, able to have fun indoors and out, comfortable with your sexuality. You are accepting of therapy and 12-step programs and emotionally available. I am 51, fun-loving, butch-identified lesbian, looking for intimacy, friendship and sex in a LTR. I am non-smoking, clean & sober. I have a wild sense of humor and am totally out in all parts of my life. Reply BT Box SP9A or call ★★9099.

Do You Hear
The low spark of high-heeled boys? Are you all femme but no princess? We need to talk! I live in the South Bay and prefer same. I love being alive and want a single woman to share that love with. I've spent a long time being single and am ready to return to you. Where are you? Spontaneity/adventure are a must! We need to chat. Call ★★9100.

Blondhead "Mad" Cyclist
24-yr-old bisexual woman would like to meet women in their 20s-30s. I'm looking for new friends, and am open to more if the chemistry's right. I like to go dancing, bicycling, swimming, for walks in the hills, and I like to try new things. Responsible people who don't fear intimacy are most welcome. If you have the time, this Berkeley woman is seeking you... Call ★★9101.

Ordinary People
What makes me different from most ad-placers? A sense of humor in the upper percentiles. Cooking skills in the lowest of lows. I enjoy hot weather, had a happy childhood and don't own a cat. I'm an intelligent, ex/current jock of many sports looking for others who can answer yes to one or more of the following: active, nonsmoking, 34-49, into outdoor activities, dancing, exploring places, events, comedy, honest relationships. Call ★★9102.

Lipstick And Mainstream
Mid-30s, GWF, feminine, intelligent, professional, zany, zesty, very attractive, fun-loving, normal, warmhearted, independent, kind, romantic and adventurous; seeks new friends, fun dates and the woman of her dreams. You are: undoubtedly feminine, 30 years or older, intelligent, professional, stable, healthy, fun-loving, warm, kind, sincere, normal and adventurous. Any questions? Any answers? Call ★★9103.

An Orlando-esque Woman
Looking for same to defy gender and stereotypes with. Be unconventional, artsy, loyal, crazy, young (18-25) and accepting. Ever feel trapped in the wrong century? Call ★★9104.

Where Are You All Hiding?
I know I can't be the only attractive, hip, single woman over 35 in SF that is sick to death of bars. Desperately seeking the Susan Sarandons of the lesbian community. Must have a sense of the absurd, wry sense of humor, wicked but discreet ways, attractive, independent, emotionally & physically fit, but not obsessed and enjoy being female. A bit of outlaw blood & long hair a plus. Tough and soft, hot and cool. Call me. I'll answer all calls. Call ★★9105.

"Together"
"Together," petite, professional writer/editor in her 40s seeks passionate and powerful connection with similarly "together" lesbian. Although friends describe me as good-looking, sophisticated and sometimes clever, I do admit to my fair share of human imperfections. Turned on by women who are evolved in mind and psyche, acutely aware of self and others, take pride in their appearance, have a range of interests, and are autonomous yet capable of intimacy. If you are willing to take the risks to reap the joys of togetherness, I'd like to read your letter (preferably) or hear your voice. Reply BT Box SP10A or call ★★9106.

An Invitation
I have an extra ticket for a reading by Mary Oliver on the evening of Oct. 12. It would bring me pleasure to share this with someone who would delight in this event and whose company I would enjoy. Let's talk. Call ★★9107.

Marin
Looking for a companion who is feminine (not femme), strong (not tough), and shares some of my interests: photography, hiking, bicycling, travel, occasional elegance. Someone with a sense of style who is health-conscious, kind, passionate, emotionally & financially stable, in her 30s, lives in Marin or SF and enjoys her life. Reply BT Box SP11A or call ★★9108.

Clean And Sober
Tired of the "in" lesbian scene. I'm 28, I don't care how long it takes for red meat to process through my system and, believe it or not, I don't own a pair of "Docs." I'm looking for a spiritually fit woman who likes quiet eves and walks on the beach. So if you believe that romance isn't dead, let's talk about it over coffee. No sex maniacs please. Call ★★9109.

A Girlfriend Would Be Nice...
36 y.o. bicultural, tall, attractive, athletic, butch-of-center, professional, funny, psychologically aware but not obsessed, bright lesbian seeks an equally passionate partner for dancing, laughing, biking, sex & ultimately creating a life together. Politics is still important but so is fun and expanding my family-of-choice to include another (and final?) LTR & the possibility of children... How's Tuesday at 7 for couples counseling? Reply BT Box SP12A or call ★★9110.

My Story
There was once a good-looking SF gal. She was a happy-go-lucky 30-year-old who enjoyed the simple quirks life had to offer—i.e., dumping sand out of her sneakers after a sunset run on the beach or slipping into her flannel boxers on a cold foggy night. She thought she had it all (an apt., an art career, unreplaceable friends and even a good mechanical pencil to write this silly ad). Except for romance. Someone to get sweaty palmed over. So she wrote a personal to find her dream girl. She is 27-30 yrs. old—blk, brown or auburn hair, 5'5" +, femme in a natural style, emotionally centered and just an easygoing kind of gal. NS, ND, no rageaholics. Call ★★9111.

Ready To Begin
But not quite ready to settle into a serious LTR. I am open to exploring a purely sexual involvement with a special someone who is open to being teacher and exploring with me. Passion, tenderness and patience are a must as well as having a strong, firm touch. I am 32, warm, creative, passionate, sensual, attractive and bright. My interests include dancing, art, metaphysics, martial arts, music and the outdoors. You are 25-40, physically fit, attractive, artistically inclined, appreciate nature and good conversation. Tobacco/drug-free. No S/M. Let's start with tea. Reply BT Box SP13A or call ★★9112.

Abstinence Makes The Heart Grow Fonder. Not!
32-yr-old lesbian, 5'6", slender, androgynous, blond hair, blue eyes, looking for a playmate. I enjoy hiking (or just walking), sports, movies, music, books, contemplating the vastness of the universe, a good sense of humor, watching naked women sleep, coffee in bed, honesty, romance, passion, long slow kisses and great sex. Not necessarily in that order. Don't be shy. Call ★★9113.

Dykes To Watch Out For

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MONDAY MORNING...
ARE YOU SURE? MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL THE MIDWIFE! MAYBE I SHOULD STAY HOME!
CLARICE, IT WAS JUST ONE CONTRACTION TWO HOURS AGO! I'M NOT IN LABOR! WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU GETTING COLD FEET ABOUT GOING TO COURT TODAY?
GOD, BABE! I'M SO NERVOUS! D'YOU THINK I CAN DO IT?
YEAH. I DO.
OKAY, THEN. HERE I GO. AFTER ALL, I'M THE BREADWINNER NOW. GOTTA BRING HOME THE BACON. ANOTHER MOUTH TO FEED. FAMILY TO SUPPORT. ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?
I'M FINE! I'LL CALL YOU IF ANYTHING HAPPENS. NOW GET OUT OF HERE! I HAVE A MILLION THINGS TO DO TO GET READY.
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.
KISS
MMMM. BYE.
CLIK!
WHOA!
THAT AFTERNOON AT THE CO-OP...
...98 CENTS A POUND...
MO! HI! WHAT'RE YOU UP TO?
HI, TONI! I'M JUST RUNNING ERRANDS ON MY DAY OFF. WOW, YOU ARE REALLY BIG! YOU LOOK READY TO BLOW!
OH, JEEZ! I'M SORRY! WHAT A STUPID THING TO SAY... I GUESS YOU'RE PROBABLY REALLY SICK OF COMMENTS LIKE THAT, HUH? HOW INSENSITIVE OF ME TO...
MO?
JUICE SALE
CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR?
SURE, ANYTHING! WANT ME TO CARRY THIS STUFF TO YOUR CAR?
YEAH. AND THEN I'D LIKE YOU TO DRIVE ME HOME. I THINK I'M IN LABOR.
COOL.
HOLY SHIT! SHOULDN'T WE CALL AN AMBULANCE OR SOMETHING?
NAH. THAT'S JUST ON TV. THE BABY'S NOT COMING FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. JUST RELAX, AND DRIVE CAREFULLY.
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Better Than Reruns
Mid-20s Ginger seeks Maryann with open heart, sense of humor and complete set of Tupperware for two-stepping, kite-flying and road-tripping into the life. Added bonus points given to those who don't suggest a jog as a first date, prefer shopping and lengthy conversation over loud clubs and life-shortening activities, and have paid off at least one-third of their therapist's mortgage. Healthy mind and ability to balance the humorous with the profound are also pluses. Reply BT Box SP14A or call ★★9114.

Magic Hot Lamp
No my name is not Genie but rub me in the right places and watch all your dreams come true. Can we have it all? Yes, but I'm a huge thinker, are you? I'm allergic to negative thinkers. Me: 29, drummer from Hayward. I love sexy colognes, beautiful eyes, animals, motorcycles, jet skis and great sense of humor. Me: 5'8", med. build, winning smile, black eyes, brown hair, Spanish/Irish mix (pieces). Take the time to write or call. All will be answered. Thanks for taking time to read my ad. Reply BT Box SP15A or call ★★9115.

Passionate
Lesbian, 37 y.o., seeking special woman for possible LTR. I am 5'5", 108 lbs., long brown hair, brown eyes, I am extremely passionate about sex and life in general. I am independent, strong, confident, honest, loving and ready for a special woman to share life & love. I smoke—no drugs or drinking. I'm affectionate, compassionate and ready for love. West County area. Call ★★9116.

join the SSS
Summer Shindigs for Single women—mid-30s-mid-40s, currently gathering for weekly cafe soirees to plan dinner parties, artistic sojourns, brunches, bike rides, beach jaunts, lowdown bbqs, game nights, musical/theatrical/cultural events & assorted whatnots. please be attractive, dynamic, mature, eclectic, creative, fun-loving w/a great sense of equanimity, must be relatively sane to share responsible space & time w/ adventurous souls. pls pls pls—no radicals or difficult neurotics. Call ★★9117.

Nothing Ventured
Nothing gained. I want to meet women for friendship (any age) and maybe more (35-55 yrs. old). I'm direct, honest, intelligent, humorous & ethical. I'm sensitive to my own feelings & the feelings of others. Good interpersonal communication is essential. I love adventure and excitement, but not self-destruction. I'm looking for good times. Even mundane activities can be fun with the right companion. Prefer relaxed, intelligent, humorous women. Call ★★9118.

I Am Center Of Center
Cute, 28-year-old babe seeks a certifiably single lesbian (i.e., not semi-attached, not rebounding, not still pining over recent love lost) for partner in crime. I love sports (watching & playing), writing, computer games, kids, cooking, spending time with my family and general schmoozing. You share the above interests, are not in denial about your "intimacy issues," are between 28-40 and have an excellent sense of humor. Reply: Boxholder, PO Box 20835, Oakland 94620 or call ★★9119.

New Balance
Size 7½. Are you enjoying your 550s? What do you do that keeps you on your feet all day? Did you guess that I bought my swank sneakers as a celebration? How exactly does one introduce oneself to a lovely lesbian in a shoe store? May I try again over coffee? Saucy Size 7½ (or 8). Call ★★9120.

SHARED INTEREST

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The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such as for individuals seeking other individuals for common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Lonely? Isolated? Depressed?
Desperate? Suicidal? Do these words describe you: moody, deeply sensitive/feeling, questor, idealist, introspective, brooding, artistic, tragic romantic, intense, meaninglessness, integrity, intuitive, writer, emotional, growth/relationship-oriented, different, teacher, self-aware, private, unappreciated, journals, passionate, truth-seeking, authentic, spiritual, black sheep? If yes, you are special, gifted, sensitive to other's needs, but suffer from lack of understanding/appreciation. We have much to share. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★9212.

Massage Exchange
CMT wishes to exchange with sincere slim to med. built GM. You need not be certified only sincere and experienced in nurturing the spirit as well as the body. This is not a sex ad. As a massage therapist for the critically ill I am in need of a deep, caring touch to help me keep centered. Massage. PO Box 14065, SF 94119 or call ★★9213.

2 Grandmothers Available
Not a couple—both over 60 and never had kids and would like to have a relationship with a child. Reply BT Box SP600A or call ★★9214.

Dreamers/Dream Workers
GWM interested in continuing his search into the creative power of dreams. As Jeremy Taylor would say: "All dreams have more than one meaning and more than one level of significance." That is why it is so important to regularly share your dreams with a group of loyal friends. Group meets 2nd & 4th Fridays. Dreamers, PO Box 14065, SF 94119 or call ★★9215.

Tennis Partners Sought
Now that winter is over, let's get out on the courts. Looking for advanced women players in the City. Call to "set" something up. Call ★★9216.

Woodworking Apprentice
This GWM is hoping to find an experienced woodworker who would like to teach his craft. Have some experience working with wood but lack any real skill. I'll bring the ideas, the wood and the interest—you provide the tools and the mentoring. Want to learn to create something beautiful with my hands and not cut off my thumbs! PO Box 2422, SF 94126 or call ★★9217.

Gay Bowlers In Central Contra Costa Up To Age 29
I'm a GWM who is 24 and looking to form a bowling team on a gay bowling night. We would bowl on a weekly schedule, probably in the City. We can take turns carpooling and it will be a chance for all of us to meet new friends near the same age! League starts soon, so call. Call ★★9218.

Women's Heart And Spirit Group
A leaderless group for processing feelings, meditation and ritual, to bridge the internal and external transitions in our lives. For women 35 and over who have therapy experience and are comfortable with their own spiritual practice. Call ★★9219.

Muscle System Men!
This 38-year-old recently on-again gym-goer doesn't go to the gym to cruise or socialize and, when there, is pretty focused, but would nonetheless like to make some gym friends to share support, a smile and a hello with, since I don't always look forward to going to the gym. Also, telephone support might be a simple and helpful alternative if our schedules conflict. Call ★★9220.

40—Love
Practice or playing partner wanted for 10/30 Lyon-Martin Tennis Tournament. I'm competitive (3.5-4.0), but this is a mostly "for fun" event. Also like golf, bike, hike, other sports, camping, fishing. North Bay is helpful, but I'm mobile. Looking to expand my circle of lesbian friends—athletic or otherwise (men OK too). Call ★★9221.

East Bay magazine and video collector seeking other collectors to trade and/or borrow videos and magazines. Call ★★9222.

Oakland Lunch Buddies
I work near 17th & Franklin. Interested in meeting other lesbians for walks to Lake Merritt, picnics at Snow Park, concerts at City Center—or whatever else strikes our fancies. Give me a call & let's enjoy this gorgeous weather—even though we are at work. Call ★★9223.

Are you tired of reading between the lines alone? Two down-to-earth dykes want to start a monthly book club. We are looking for interested diverse women who are open to reading all types of literature, to meet once a month for discussion & fun. Call ★★9224.

Women Of Color Visual Artists
Chinese American visual artist seeks other queer sisters who share strong commitment to art & radical politics, whether we do "political art" or not. Let's share & discuss our work, swap strategies for economic, artistic, mental, spiritual survival. "Crafts" & non-traditional media encouraged. All queer women of color welcome. Asians especially encouraged. No biphobia please. Call ★★9225.

Prospective Queer Parents
Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★9226.

BISEXUAL

Happily married bisexual male seeks same. Please be in a working and committed relationship/marriage and be looking for friendship and support. I'm a 30something, fairly evolved, fairly attractive, successful entrepreneur who has spent a great deal of time embracing his bisexuality. I have full support from my wife who is committed to making our marriage work and encourages my self-actualization. I'm anxious to meet other bisexual married men in similar scenarios. Your brief note gets mine. Reply BT Box SP300A or call ★★9176.

Curious Lesbian Virgin
I'm a 29 y.o. lesbian and, sadly, still a virgin. Some of you guys at this year's parade were so cute that I must finally give in. I've always wanted to, but I've been too shy (and nervous). I'm sweet, gentle, very curious and, surprise, I'm feminine and cute. I'm looking for a similar-aged cute gay guy who's also a virgin to explore a sexual experience with me. Please be kind, not into leather or S/M and hopefully be kinda cute. I'm HIV- and very confidential. You must be too. Respond and enclose a snapshot (if you want). Reply BT Box SP301A or call ★★9177.

BiAM Seeks Moustached Man
Very handsome married BiAM, 35, 160 lbs., tall, moustached, sincere & versatile seeks bi white male for discreet daytime hot & sweaty, safe & sane fun. No strings. You must have a moustache, 25-40, masculine, muscular & straight-acting. Blue collar or Castro clone a plus. Please send your letter/photo (returnable) to Boxholder, PO Box 641372, SF 94164 or call ★★9178.

Unique Nice BiDWM Seeks BiF
Aware, balanced, caring, com(passionate), decent, evolved, fair, giving, intuitive, loving, loyal, nurturing, open, outgoing, romantic, sexy, sincere. Call ★★9179.

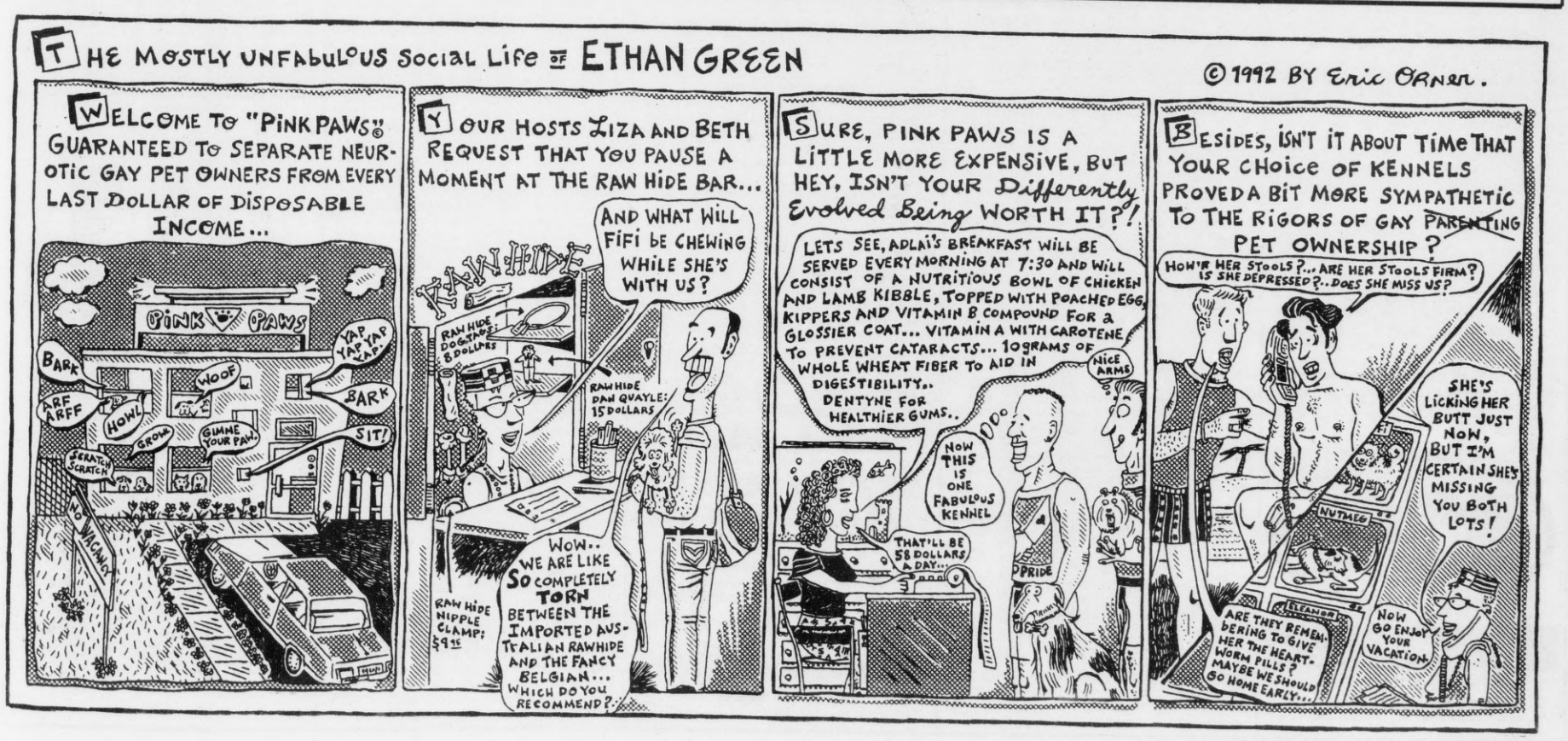
Lover Wanted
For immediate gratification, open-hearted communication, everything! Safe sex. I'm DWBiM, HIV-, NS, nice, never STDs, U B 2. Photo/write PO Box 1476, CA 94966 or call ★★9180.

Come Share All Your Fantasies With Me!
Young beautiful bi woman with bedroom eyes looking for other exotic bi woman (18-30 years old) to make all your fantasies come true... Call ★★9181.

TS Wants Erotic, Sensual
Slim, masc., hairy WM, 34-47, who likes a lot of drinking for two, possible long-term friendship. Call ★★9182.

BiM Sun Lover
Seeks similar BiF. Share my luxurious, exclusive complex's magnificent sun decks, spa, pools, clubhouse, views, etc. Photo/write all about yourself. Box 342, 94807 or call ★★9183.

(Non-Vanilla) Life Begins At 40?
Bisexual, switchable (I think), S/M novice (I know) guy seeks gal for something or other. Let's talk lots before, during & after. Loonacity a major aphrodisiac, prolixity tolerated. I'm 6'2", 180, blond, blue, recovering slowly from accident; lite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And All Of The Above

Asian TV, 26, pretty and kind, 5'8", dk br hair & eyes. Would like to meet men of 25 yrs. and older (younger OK) who would like to be treated nice and are looking for constant companionship. You should be tall, generous, kind and presentable. Big + if: Caucasian, East Bay, blue/green eyes and romantic; interests include movies, dinners, long nights out, etc. Call ★★9185.

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Slim, masc., hairy WM, 34-47, who likes a lot of drinking for two, possible long-term friendship. Call ★★9200.

Sensuous Pre-Op Sought

BiWM, 40, seeking a sexually adventuresome MTF TS who is also intelligent, affectionate and open. You enjoy lots of physical attention, like to touch and be touched. You also like having your body worshipped by a very oral sensual male. I'm seeking a very erotic relationship with an attractive woman with a nice cock. No STDs; HIV-only. Call ★★9201.

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MESSAGES

Beached

Golden Gate Beach, 8/22, Sunday. I was playing in the surf; it was too cold for you. We were talking about the obnoxious jet skis and a little dog. I found out you live 2 blocks from me, but didn't get your phone number, because we seemed to be night and day. What the hell? It'd be funny if you called. Call ★★9245.

Different Light Bookstore, Friday Night, 8/20

You: handsome, light brown hair, blue eyes, around 5'10", wearing a white T-shirt with a green v-neck sweater. Me: dark hair, brown eyes, 5'6", wearing the "Y" sweatshirt (not BYU). We'd seen each other earlier at the Bagdad Cafe. You said, "Howdy." I was with a friend and was too dumb to stop and talk. I promise I'll be more talkative this time. Call ★★9246.

J. (With Goatee)

Hot Springs near Mammoth, 8/28. I liked you very much! Let's get together! Please call M. (the musician from Richmond with the white pickup truck). Call ★★9247.

New Balance

Size 7½. Are you enjoying your 550s? What do you do that keeps you on your feet all day? Did you guess that I bought my swank sneakers as a celebration? How exactly does one introduce oneself to a lovely lesbian in a shoe store? May I try again over coffee? Saucy Size 7½ (or 8). Call ★★9249.

MEN

Scatbears Make Me Hard

Me: bearded, brn/grn, 5'7", 140#, lithe body, moderately furry, nice cock, in my 20s, good-looking. I wear my brown hanky on the left. I'm looking for a couple of good, dirty-minded, eager-to-please scatrogues and rimdogs. You: bearded, hairy biker trash, furry mountain man, or burly bear with an appetite. Other fur-bearing critters welcomed to respond. Must have a beard and be good-looking. Age unimportant. I'm looking for bottoms, not tops or mutuals. Extra points for good kissers. Write with a photo and we'll discuss fantasies and limits. Daddy and daddy's boy, verbal abuse, other scenes possible. Reply BT Box SP70A or call ★★9265.

Bikinis, G-Strings, Thongs

I live to wear my bikini. I need friends who can appreciate and share my passion for skimpy swimsuits. Come with me. Let's enjoy the thrill of the scantiest bikinis and tan lines. Let me share my collection with you. I hope you have a collection to share with me too. SWM, 35, 6'2", 165, long hair, beard. Let's go to the beach, lake, river or pool and catch a few rays. Call ★★9266.

Gorgeous, Athletic, Exotic

Me: 5'8", 150 lbs., very muscular, healthy HIV+, tan, cleanshaven, dark hair, brown eyes, 29 years old. Into pumping iron, romance/monogamy/fidelity/trust, honesty, movies, healthy eating, travel, animal rights, spirituality, etc. Looking for someone the same, not into drugs, pot, cigs or alcohol, who has lots of time to spend building friendship/marriage. Easygoing, Middle Eastern, Caucasian or Latin a plus. Call ★★9267.

Redwood City J/O Buddy(ies)

I'm seeking gay or bisexual male(s) who, like myself, reside in Redwood City. I'm tired of having to go to San Francisco (or for that matter other cities) to satisfy my sexual needs. There must be other gay or bisexual male(s) that reside in my city that need or want a J/O partner. I want to get together with you over your place on the weekends to satisfy both our sexual needs. So, if you're like me, over 21, HIV-, and again a resident of Redwood City, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064 for more information.

Man Seeks Man

Good-looking masculine, blond/bl, 6'1", 180, athletic, 31-yr-old, vers/btm, medical student. Looking for dating/relationship with emotionally mature man, 25-45ish, who's solid & comfortable with himself. Interests: ocean, walks, mountains, snow, cooking, hot sex, clouds, evenings at home, arts, work-out, rain, cuddling, trust, lakes, HIV+, partnership, imagination, stars, optimism, romance, more sex & honesty. Lost life partner of ten years. Ready to share the future again. Photo pls (will return) to: M.S., PO Box 460921, SF 94146-0921 or call ★★9268.

Muscular Leatherpig

Hot-hairy, handsome, mid-30s, into versatile WS, S/M, tit and assplay, 5'7", solid 175, with brown hair/moustache and blue/green eyes. Looking to tumble another muscular stud with similar proclivities. Healthy HIV+ body/sick mind. Other cerebral stats include incoherency in four languages, piano proficiency for the hearing impaired, and a grade school diploma. Call ★★9269.

Little Guy—Big Cock?

You fit the saying that big surprises come in small packages; love showing off your big meat and enjoy the attention when guys admire that big dick on your little body. WM, late 40s, wants to worship your cock. Asians and Blacks a plus. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★9270.

Seeking A Friend And Maybe More!

If you are a masculine GM, 35-55, honest, HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker, versatile but usually top, sensitive, tired of bar scene. I'm a very young 55, tall, handsome, tanned, cleanshaven, brown eyes and short hair. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, dining out, Giants, A's, 49ers, travel, living in SF, lots of sex, hiking, walks, beaches, giving and getting massage, sense of humor, quiet romantic evenings with someone special! Don't be shy! Reply Box 321, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★9271.

Black Male

Preferred by WM, mid-50s, attractive, 6', 175#, HIV+, survivor, physically fit. Likes gym, theater, music, spiritual (not religious), affection, sex, outdoors, travel, alternative treatments. For friendship, or more, whatever the energies. Call ★★9272.

A New Yorker

GAM, 26 yrs. old, 5'10", 235#, chubby but good-looking. A foreign student in New York City. Love: classical music (prefer Puccini & Ravel), swimming in seas, theaters, reading; different kinds of arts; cooking, traveling. I travel to SF often. You: 25-45 yrs. old, well-built, educated, professional; love your life. No games. Trim, masculine, full head of hair only. Write with phone #, photo (will return), to PO Box 4055, Parkside Station, Flushing, NY 11375.

True Or False:

I date Asians because they're exotic. I'm politically correct. Thank God for my personality. If you answered true to any, don't respond. Otherwise, read on. I'm a handsome Chinese American (mid-20s, 5'7", 145, HIV-) who's not seeking rice queens, PC fascists or men whose personalities compensate for their looks, but rather a good-looking pre-35 y.o. with similar passions (career, movies, weightlifting, music, cooking) and with a wit/intelligence to rival his looks. Call ★★9273.

If...

You enjoy classical music and maybe jazz; like to laugh; have a contrasting artistic side; a few muscles; occasionally country-western dancing; nature, conversation, friends, food; have a warm heart and a curious intellect; feel communication and commitment are important; especially want to be with another VTHGM (very tall handsome gay man), consider this ad. This sometimes embarrassingly youthful, sexy 47-yr-old (most people think I'm about 35) shocks people when he reveals his age. He enjoys men from 35 to 50 who have youthful energy and minds, but wise hearts. With his slender good looks he turns many a head, but not yet the one who wants to work at a lasting relationship. He is hard-working classical singer and needs the mutual nurturance and understanding that can result from a solid relationship. Stats: 6'6½", bld/blu, 205 lbs., HIV-, very light drinker, no drugs. Boxholder. PO Box 26463, SF 94126-6463 (recent photo please) or call ★★9274.

Wanted: Relationship/Life Partner

GWM, 52, 5'7", 250 lb., chubby, NS, cleanshaven, fair/b/brown hair, etc. Homebody live in E. Bay. You enjoy sex, slim, tall, short ?? A NS, good fun person, 25-50. Also looking for the right person—a quiet type/share what I have, but be able to give in a relationship. If a man, sex and life is what you need, then let's get together. Write PO Box 220, San Ramon 94583.

Danish Prince Seeks Vassal

Handsome GWM, 5'11", 165 lbs., very smooth, hung 8", age 39, HIV+, seeks happy, creative boyfriend. I'm brainy, sarcastic, exceedingly kind. Enjoy classical music, ballet, art films and great food. I'm mostly a top and you should be smooth and mostly a bottom. Romance with an edge (toys, spanking?) is what turns me on. Call ★★9275.

Erotic Massage

Seeking special person to receive free erotic massage, prefer a man of color. This massage teacher needs to expand methods to arouse and sexually stimulate and wants to experiment with these techniques. No reciprocation but do require feedback on how technique makes you feel. Will answer all replies, but GBM, GAM, GLM get priority. PO Box 410990, Suite 256, SF 94141-0990 or call ★★9276. New to SF.

Attention Small Endowed Men

Those with a small penis and/or those who like them small, indicate if you have a small one or admire small ones for proper application. SASE required. Serious only need apply. Box 1397, El Cerrito 94530.

Friendship

Hello. I'm a very good-looking Latin who is healthy HIV+, 32, 5'8", 150, and very muscular. I'm looking for new friendships with people of all kinds. I'm very much into the gym, spirituality, very healthy eating, no drugs, alcohol, cigs or pot; I like talks on spirituality, movies, meals at home, travel, theater, nature, animals, etc. You're very much into the same stuff, between age 21-40. Call ★★9277.

Stay The Night

Don't come and go in a heated rush. GWM, 43, 5'10", 170 lbs., br/br, moustache, attractive, fit, emotionally available, seeking versatile HIV- partner for dating, sex, companionship, sleepovers. I value affection, intelligence, wit, communication. Enjoy movies, music, dance, gym, exploring Bay Area. NS/ND, light alcohol OK. Call ★★9278.

Seeking 2 Men

Masculine, athletic, 38 y.o., dark blond, 5'11", 185 lbs. Oral, into role-playing games and VA. Seeking 2 dominant men for periodic threesome. Prefer 33-42 age range. No phone sex. Call ★★9279.

Unravel My Enigma

I'm a bundle of contradictions. A dark, long-haired professor who doesn't look like what he teaches. A happy extrovert who wears a lot of black. Can deconstruct when I need to, but prefer reading Anne Rice and dancing to Ministry. Stuff. QWM, 5'11", 160, black/brown, political, liberal, black coffee, wandering around, hanging out, bicycling, reading, writing, painting. Seeking one similarly complex man for sustained unraveling. Reply BT Box SP71A or call ★★9280.

Why An Ad?

Because I'm a busy guy running my own business and spending most free time with good friends. Like to date someone who has a good life, but, like me, also wants an intimate relationship with someone special. I'm handsome, early-40s, 5'9", 145 lbs., s/p hair, HIV-. Looking for a NS man who wants to date and get to know me before seeing if sex is enhancement to the relationship. Recent photo and response to BT Box SP72A or call ★★9281.

Suit To Suit Connection

Slender, mature, reserved, sophisticated, career-minded, conservative, masculine, baby-face GAM, 27, 5'9", w/a sense of style, HIV-, monogamous, seeks more dominant GAM for companionship/possible relationship. I am health/fitness conscious, financially secure, reliable and like to have fun when time permits. If you are 28-35, 5'6"-6', cleanshaven, have full head of hair and possess same qualities, call or write. Photo gets immediate response. Reply BT Box SP73A or call ★★9282.

Cum Freak

Needs you/yours. Oral virtuosity; you'll never get enough. Me neither. Box 169, 1275 Washington Ave., San Leandro 94577 or call ★★9283.

Imagine This S/M

Get hard at the idea of a boy for your footstool? Excited by a handsome man at your feet begging to lick boots? Like the sight of legs spread wide begging for butt-stuffing? Like using your boy covered in rubber, waiting for you to take a piss? If you are a leatherman who likes to play hard, respect limits, hug a lot, call this 29 y.o. at ★★9284.

Do You Desire

One special, loving man in your life? Someone who is down-to-earth, considerate, sensitive, supportive & extremely affectionate & playful (A-1 kisser, toucher, cuddler)? I am a very attractive, masculine, 40ish Caucasian professional, 6'2", 190 lbs., bl/gr, with facial hair, an excellent physique. HIV-. My interests include my home, CW dancing (you too), working out, running, massage, painting, photography, and especially spending quiet times with one special person. You should be a similar monogamous, relationship-oriented GWM, mid-30s/early-40s, around 6', with facial hair, trim build, ND, NS, no piercings, HIV-, who is emotionally & affectionally available & not overly into the gay scene. Non-returnable photo mandatory. Reply BT Box SP74A.

Talk Soup

Me: HIV+, 34, boyishly handsome, thin-lean (5'7", 135), cleanshaven, insatiably funny eclectic interests: talk soup, queer video, John Waters – Fassbinder, abnormal psychology—financially secure (both). You be HIV+—non-HIVphobic, late-20s to 30s, race unimportant, very muscular to lean, great face (no facial hair), smooth or shaved, savvy-maverick type, warmth, humor, be out and comfortable with sexuality (queer); no Republicans, no closet cases. Recent photo (this century); all photos returned. Romance, friendship? Who knows? Reply BT Box SP75A or call ★★9285.

HIV+ Latin Top Wanted

Capricorn. Virgo or Scorpio only. Moustache, uncut, husky, tattoos, mota, are "A" plus with me. I'm blond, blue, 6 foot, moustached, hairy, and seeking a soulmate. Call ★★9286.

A Great Find For The Right Guy

Educated, masculine, GWM, 38, 5'6", br/green, slim and athletic shape. My friends say I'm handsome but if they didn't they wouldn't be my friends. I spend my time designing software, reading, going to classes, working in my small SF garden, eating spicy food, riding my mountain bike in the headlands, listening to jazz and new music, and, on occasion, dancing (badly). I'm looking to meet a man who shares some of my interests and who doesn't use the words "friend" and "love" casually as he knows what they mean. You know that conversation, communication and honesty are essential and you care for the feelings of others. You are an athletic GWM, 33 to 43, NS, HIV-, and at least as tall as I am. Let's meet for coffee or a beer or maybe a bike ride to Tennessee Valley. Call or write me a letter at BT Box SP76A and include a photo if you have one; or call ★★9287.

Road Warrior Seeks Linebacker/Wrestler Type

WM, 33, 6', 185, handsome, intelligent, kickboxer, musician, great smile, big legs, Mad Max/Terminator looks seeks partner over 6', 200 lbs., big build, masculine, straight-oriented, any age (older, bearded a plus). I am looking for companionship/relationship with a real man. No sleaze or phonies. PO Box 5502, Novato 94945 or call ★★9288.

R U 50(+)?

Possibly gray(ing) or bald(ing) with facial hair? 30 y.o., bearded GWM, HIV-, with daddy complex wants to do it with you. Can be top or bottom depending on you, daddy. Will do kink if daddy needs it. Vanilla is great too! Seeking sex. Relationship maybe? Smokers are OK, but no drugs or heavy drinkers. Photo replies, you get mine in return, with your needs detailed. Thanks. Reply BT Box SP77A.

Size-O-Philes Skip This Ad

As can rough lovers and those who cannot relax to a gentle touch, an easy, intense cum. My interests are the quick-comers and less-than-endowed who may be comfortable with my attention to their pleasure, and their attention to mine; someone with the sense to appreciate how safe and singularly satisfying a J/O relationship can be. GWM, beard, 180 lbs., 5'8", hairy chest. Call ★★9289.

Seeking poet, writer, nerd and creative type for soft slow conversation and prolonged hugs. I'm tall lean brown and emotional. You're atypical. Like to live alone and need that hugging! Call or write PO Box 640977, SF 94164-0977.

Gay Affair

Let's have an affair. Attractive GBM, 31. In relationship but seeks adventure with topman. Maybe you're too busy for a commitment but want companionship, or married and seeking a diversion. Let's talk. Call ★★9290.

East Bay Regular Guy

GWM, 38, 6'1", 195 lbs., br/br, handsome, HIV-, secure, honest professional and young at heart—interests include CW/disco dancing, sailing, outdoors, sports, gym, movies, home life, sexually versatile, scuba, skiing, cycling, museums, theater and just about anything, iso GWM/GLM with diverse interests, active, emotionally secure & financially, who care about themselves—NS/ND to light OK. Hope to develop a monogamous relationship. Call ★★9291.

Definitive Words

Helpful letters & numbers: GWM, 47 yrs. old, brwn/brwn, 6'4", 225 lbs., HIV-, 4 with a 3 wing, ENFP, 135 IQ, 8". Applicable adjectives: affectionate, educated, enthusiastic, funny, good-looking, profound, sensitive, sensual, sexy, smart, and even spiritual (from Anglican to Zen). Topic sentence: I am looking for a commitment and some new GM friends. If this sounds good, then tell me who you are and what you want. Call ★★9292.

Slim Chinese Or Viet. Wanted

Warmhearted GWM, youthful 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, counselor, seeks slim to skinny Asian, 20-33, for brother, boyfriend or lover. Prefer warmhearted nonsmoker, who exercises some and doesn't like bars. I'm affectionate and caring. Let me buy you lunch. Friendship first. PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

What's The Problem?

I'm a very handsome BM, 28 y.o., 5'8", and yet I cannot find the cute boy of my dreams. He's under 25, weight about 150, and under 6 ft. I know he's out there, but where? I know he's reading this ad and saying to himself, Where's the man of my dreams? Well, here I am, waiting for you to cross over in my dream. Call ★★9293.

Handsome Filipino Seeks Mate

Handsome, intelligent, sincere Filipino, 24, athletic body, seeks sincere, caring, honest, loving and romantic, HIV-, white man, 25-35, in good shape, who enjoys cuddling, holding hands, building friendship into love, and doesn't expect to jump into bed on the first date. If you're that quality of man, please reply. Call ★★9294.

Seeking Supportive Intimacy

I value humor, honesty, integrity and I hope for monogamy. I am a GWM, 5'11", 180 lbs., HIV-, 45 years old—look 43½. I am a little shy, a lot committed to the ideas and people I value, and want a long-term relationship more than anything. I like art, film, books, conversation, road trips, plants, and progressive liberal politics. I am looking for a like-minded, emotionally available, affectionate, HIV-, top guy, any race, over 35, for bed/lifemate. Reply BT Box SP78A or call ★★9295.

Straight-Looking, Queer-Acting

I'm a GWM, 25, 147, 5'9", br/br, seeking pretty human amusement park, 22-33, robust, educated, clever, etc., for functional interrelationship, but will probably end up discovering Jesus Christ first. Act fast. Your photo gets my comments. Send astonishing letter to PO Box 60931, Palo Alto 94306-0931 or call ★★9296.

Dare To Be Different

But yes this 6', 250 lb., 30 y.o., HIV- GBM is. I like to cook, camp out under the stars, hike the highest trails—and that's only the beginning. You are any race, NS, ND, and light drinker. Not into bar scene or one-nighters. We are both creative and stimulating. If this is different enough for you, write PO Box 5441, Oakland 94605 or call ★★9297.

Losing A Lover

to AIDS has matured my outlook. I am appropriately cynical in these troubled times. I trust more in the ordinary than in new age optimism. Have a good bullshit detector. I value thinking (& feeling), developing one's gifts, contributing to the world, answering one's "calling," and maturity more than pure adolescent self-absorption. I am more interested in a person who has developed imagination, empathy and compassion than big pecs, a big dick or an inflated ego. I am not ashamed to be emotional, admit my mistakes, or stand up for myself. I am busy with staying healthy (HIV+), enjoying my friends and family, loving my work, enjoying nature and living. Like affectionate, non-homophobic, slender men. Send photo (returnable), dick size (just kidding), and 200-page history of your dysfunctional family. Would like to find a fellow warrior in Sonoma or in the City. I am 43 (look 89), 5'8", 145#, blond, blue, NS, ND, already been through therapy, thank you. Let's swim naked at the River. PO Box 471, Monte Rio 95462.

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San Jose **EDUCATED LATINO** 35, 135lbs, brw hair & eyes, into outdoors, hiking, camping, seeks educated men in South bay. ☎5675

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San Jose **ASIAN FIND:** 22, 6'1, 185lbs, Asian, would like to meet yng guys 18-20, If nothing else we could get to know each other for future reference. ☎3946

SF **EARLY RISER:** 5'11, brw hair/eyes,m 145lbs, swimmer's build, looking to get together w/tp guy, early morning get togethers the best ☎5725

SF **THREE FOR ALL:** v. interested in meeting gay couple for fun/adventure! Look me up. ☎5878

South Lake Tahoe **TAHOE: MARRIED BI-GUY** 6'4, 160lbs, 38, (wife loves to watch) I prefer hairy & slender, we both love to party & can play host. ☎6306

Castro Valley **ALWAYS GOOD:** 44, tp, looking for ht bttm for good times, let's have a night to remember. ☎6314

Redwood City **2 HUNKY ALL-AMER. GUYS:** Clean Cut, stached, looking for husky, hunky leath. tp, (25-35), call for our number. ☎6395

SF **DAYTIME ADVENTURES:** 26 yr old, blond, african male, looking for fun in the daytime. ☎2848

Oakland **GYM TONED SUB. ASIAN:** Handsome, interested in receiving great back rubs, & learning new ropes. ☎3980

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SF **I LIKE IT ALL:** 32, enjoy most everything, hey , let's do the city? here- hope'n ya call. ☎3583

SF WEAR A SMILE: GWM, 37, 6'1, 170lbs, blond/blue, seeking men 28-45, call me!! ☎ 6016

Martinez **ALOTTA LOVE TO OFFER:** 36, tall, blond, looking for hispanic male for dinner/movies/& LTR (30-40) ☎ 6033

SF ALL AMERICAN LOOKS: clean cut, 30s, 6'3, 190lbs, attrac, blue eyes, new to area, desire smooth, clean cut, tall guy to meet. ☎ 2931

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SF **HIKING BUFF:** 25, 5'10, 185lbs, wrestler's build, clean shaven, smooth, dark hair, blue eyes, looking for masc. guy into hiking, (prefer young looking blonds). ☎ 5560

SF **East Bay: BIG FEET WANTED!** leave msg if under 30 & have big feet. ☎ 6160

SF **36, GWM,** attrac. , 5'10, 160lbs, med build, stached, brw hair, seeking guy for safe times ☎ 6164

SF **WHY NOT?** 32 yr old, 5'8, 140lbs, goodlookin' guy ISO other gay guys who like to have fun. ☎ 6197

Redwood City **BIG GOLDEN BEAR:** seeks same or admirers, I like to have lots of fun, hope you call, (older men welcome). ☎ 6218

SF **HONEST & ATTRAC.** 39, 6'2, 170lbs, goatee, x-midwesterner, into plays, music, movies, symphony, looking for romantic, caring, honest, & quiet evenings at home type, (any race or age ok) ☎ 6229

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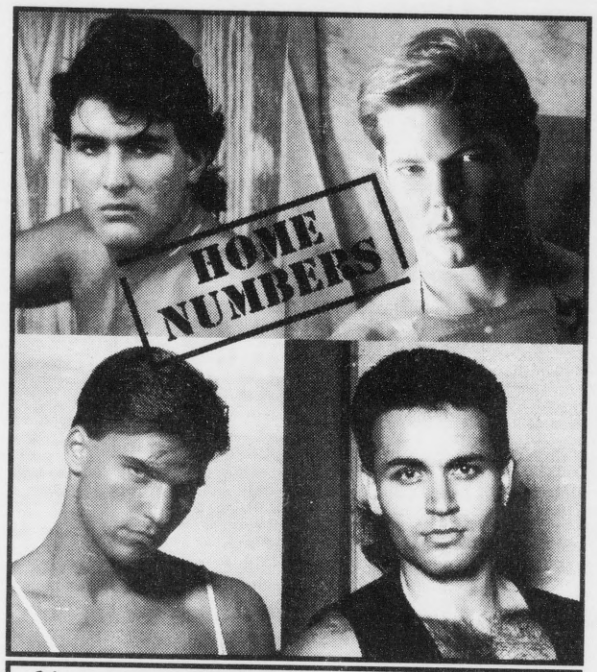

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Santa Cruz **GOODLOOKING 24 YR OLD NEEDS AMATEUR TOUR GUIDE:** just moved here & need someone sincere to show me around, tour me, respect me, let's explore Santa Cruz together. ☎ 3318

Santa Cruz 5'8, 150lbs, 27, **X-ORANGE COUNTY, INTO READING, SURFING,** being outdoors, into musc. masc. guys, ready to have a good time w/right one. ☎ 5122

San Jose **HISPANIC &** Inexperienced, 21, black hair, into dancing, looking for clean shaven, non-smoking guy. ☎ 6099

San Jose **LIL' "TLC"** Young smooth, sub. bttm, looking for dom. daddy type 50+ yrs., like movies, home evenings, outing. ☎ 6161

Alameda **NOT TO BUTCH, NOT TO EFFEMINATE:** attrac. 37, 5'6, 185lbs, into honesty. If your honest, sincere and not into games call. ☎ 5416

San Jose **WHO SAYS THREE'S A CROWD?** We are two great looking hispanic/white guys, hairy chested, seekin other real men in the area.(gym-toned A+) ☎3714

San Jose **YES! I KNOW WHAT I LIKE:** I value men who are strong & dominating. (can be very attentive for right one.) ☎5127

San Jose **DAYS FREE?** I'm a 35 yr old, married, blond/blue eyed, seeking men who enjoy life betwn 40-60. ☎5380

San Jose **VERY FIRST TIME** for this **30 YR OLD** WM, share my fantasy, I'm ready to play & may have my 1st experience w/you —call. ☎5557

Merced **CENTRAL VALLEY AREA:** 5'11, 145lbs, if interested & willing to travel, pleasant adventure awaits, so call. ☎5751

San Jose **YOUNG LATINO SEEKS OLDER LATINO** seeking older latino or asian male for good times. (expecting big things from this ad) ☎3220

Tracy **HEY NINETEEN:** 19 yr old new to scene looking for friendship or whatever comes our way. ☎1905

Santa Clara **HOLA:** 36, yr old hispanic (look younger do to working out) 5'9, 150lbs, looking to meet white or asian guys socially. ☎2374

SF INTO MILITARY HAIRCUTS? BM, 5'11, good looking, 32, seeks other guys in short hair. ☎3570

SF MY NAME IS THUNDER: I love latino men. I like biking, I'm a toned 5'10, 30, 150lb blond, into sincere guys (not games) —ask for Thunder. ☎3669

SF **NO STRINGS:** 31 yr old, seeking same aged, slim, goodlooking for no strings fun & whatever follows. ☎5355

SF **EXTREMELY NICE:** 19,yr old, 5'8, red hair, 210lbs, let's share the magic of the theatre, musicals, opera, new age music, drama, poetry, writing, & long walks. ☎5556

San Francisco **EXAMINE THIS:** 50 yr old, GWM, seeking gay medical student for get togethers. ☎2086

San Francisco **NOE VALLEY:** 27, tall trim, clean cut, seeking clean cut fit tp guys for playful times. ☎2650

SF **WIND ME UP:** 26 yr old, btm, seeking action oriented tps for summer blast. ☎2703

SF **ARE YOU AN EXPERT?** at back rubs, cuddling and or/sharing yourself? If so, give a call for someone also into caring & sharing life's little pleasures. ☎5699

Sacramento **OPEN ARRANGEMENT: GAY COUPLE** 30 & 36, would like to meet other male couples or singles for open ended fun times. ☎5746

Livermore **SLIM MEXICAN 22,** very handsome, enjoy movies, dancing, road trips, seeking tall stable caucasian w/sex appeal. to expand my horizons. ☎3409

Sacramento **MULLATO, BLACK OR MIXED MALES** wanted by young GWM, 23, call for hm number. Let's party tonite. ☎3816

SF **TRY ME,** I just might : very attrac BM, 27, 5'9, 145lbs, great body & smile, good sense of humor, looking for white or hispanic guys for great times. ☎3838

San Leandro **SPONTANEOUS NOVICE:** 6', 180lbs, blond, into movies, friendship & fun, looking for fun, spontaneous & whatever comes next with the right patience one. ☎1593

SF **NICE EVERYTHING:** 36 yr old, brw hair/eyes, stached, 160lbs, 2 tatoos, looking for clean versatile guy w/dark hair, moustache who likes to party. ☎2092

SF **GOOD N PLENTY: 35 YR OLD BIG BOY,** looking to play, call for hm number, please be discreet. ☎2570

SANTA CRUZ, LOOKING FOR LITTLE BROTHER. GM seeking18-25, Asian or White, slim, small build for fun times. I'm attrac, masc. dark, curly haired, 165# tp man. Call soon. ☎2257

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Seeking Ripe Pussy Butt

Studly BiWM top, 38, 5'9", 180 lbs, solid buffed muscle fox wants to service actively submissive butt guy for steamy sessions. Only quality, non-feminine gym-regulars need reply! Be honest, guys! Me: a superbly hung, giving top, really hungry to service pleasure-oriented ass boys who crave that ongoing intense connection with a nongay dominant dude. Photo a must! Reply Boxholder, 460585, SF 94146 or call ★★9299. Spread your legs for me, buddy!

Friends First

Professional AM, 27, average built, foreign born. Seeks mature, intelligent, healthy and sincere guys around the same age to late 30s. I am gregarious, easygoing with good sense of humor. PO Box 390752, Mountain View, CA 94039 (photo appreciated and will be returned) or call ★★9300.

Hotass FFB Maso

Fit, 57, 5'11", 170#, beard, tatts (incl. CB & butt to a-hole), piercings CBT, deepthroat (to the root), GP, HIV- (gloves, condoms), deep/wide receiver w/BD sling, big dildoes, harness, seeks heavy-duty S/M topfist master. Body domination, punch punishment, total control, relentless. Prefer 40+, serious, expert, absolute top. No heavy drugs. Couples OK. Can host or travel. Weekdays/nights/ends. Call ★★9301.

Spanking Deserved

Sincere WM, young 43, 6'2", 171 lbs., trim, blue eyes, HIV-, nice smooth buns, seeks warmhearted, caring but very strict stepdad (priest or fratmaster) to administer the long and thorough hand spanking and strapping I deserve. Plus if fit, thin or strong, not into bar or S/M scene, somewhat spiritual. Any age OK, any race OK. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

North Bay Hiker

Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, moustache, seeks attractive masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and weekend outings. You are HIV-, NS, light/ND, great shape, and have the capacity for warmhearted affection and playfulness. Extra points for being hairy and balding, outdoors oriented, and 10-15 years younger. Call ★★9302.

Into The Future

GWM, young 40s, trim 152 lbs., 5'10", very healthy HIV+, handsome, professional, new to San Francisco, with background in architecture, art, and music. Friendly, sophisticated (not pretentious), therapied, NS, spiritual/religious. Interests include gardening, the arts, travel and friends. Sexually flexible, equipped and interested. I have lots of free time to develop a new friendship that could evolve into the future as a LTR with a similarly inclined GM who knows the importance of real communication, is open, honest and emotionally available. Call ★★9303.

An Easy Fit

Tall, lankily muscled, hard-bodied and eye-pleasing 38 y.o., blond, nonsmoker, wants naturally masculine, very fit and responsible man, 20s to early-40s, to co-create safe, passionate, sexually zesty interactions. Socio-economic credentials and style consciousness not required; a vision of some dynamic where affection magically meets lust is. An Eastbay address would be nice, but honorable, studly and playful guys area-wide are welcome. Reply BT Box SP80A or call ★★9304.

Dedicated Partner, Reliable Friend

Seeks kindred spirit with LTR experience. We value: mutual respect, spiritual intimacy, balance, disciplined thought, integrity, healthy lifestyles, self-awareness, altruism, home, nature, intuition, classical music(-making), shared journeys, emotional availability, roads less traveled, deep feelings, inner exploration/growth, tolerance, animals, higher self, singing, growing old together, inner child, uniqueness, new approaches, Midwest ethics, walks, teachers, sensitivity, unconditional love. Emotionally/financially secure GWM, 5'7", 123#, alive 45. Call ★★9305.

Wanted: Auto-Fellatists &/Or Extremely Well-Hung Guys

Voyeur/exhibitionist into heavy mutual buddy-to-buddy jack-off, dirty talk, cock/ball worship while drinking, smoking, partying (share expense 50/50), my place (Oakland). For lengthy or overnight meetings, beginning 10-11 pm. Not into top/bottom role-playing, shaved, videos, couples, mirrors. Serious only. Novices OK, but not curiosity seekers who change their minds like they change their underwear. Call ★★9306.

Paraplegic?

Seeking gay/bi Black/Latin/Asian male para., 25-50. Share interests. Friends? Datng? GWM, para., 38, dark blond/green, red beard/moustache. Call ★★9307.

Loverman, Oh Where Can You Be?

Very handsome, 29-year-old, tall, Caucasian, quality man with great eyes, would love relationship with great-looking, honest, emotionally available guy under 35, at least 5'8", of any race, capable of committing to monogamous relationship. Can't wait till you show up. Until you do, I wouldn't mind a few safe encounters. Your photo/letter get mine. PO Box 16121, Oakland 94610.

Good-Looking, Intelligent, Easygoing

Handsome, intellectual, Jeremy Irons-type seeks cute, idealistic River Phoenix-type to co-author screenplay for a relationship that escapes the confines of both the straight & gay worlds. I'm 39 (honestly look 7-10 years younger), clean-cut, brown hair, blue eyes, 6'2", 180#, smooth, lean, muscular, endowed. HIV-. Into news (*NY Times, Washington Week in Review*), movies (Scorsese, Altman), plays, writing, music (Vangelis to New Order), running, working out, travel. You are very lean, smooth, boyishly good-looking. You're also intelligent and ready to give in to your hungry heart. Call ★★9308.

Let's Stop Wasting Time

This East Bay GWM is looking to meet his mate. I am 40-something, handsome, masc., hairy, 5'11", 185#, HIV-. My interests incl. exercise, outdoors, movies, cooking, quiet times, etc. I have strong feelings about health, honesty, integrity. You should be over 35, fit, employed, handsome, HIV-, similar ht., no drugs, NS. Also serious about a committed, monog. relationship. These things take time, but not to waste on games. For more info, call ★★9309.

Pen Pals

Italian boy, 22, 5'10", slim, dark hair/eyes, straight-acting, many interests, would like to correspond with masculine and handsome males (max. 35) for friendship. Photo ensures reply. A.B., Piazza Mazzini 13, 15076 Ovada (AL), Italy.

Bored

I need a man. GWM with AIDS. Still very attractive. Blue eyes, brown hair, moustache. No jailbirds; no heavy drinkers or druggies. Smokers OK. Call ★★9310.

Let Me Pull Your Shorts Down

Gorgeous Black guy, 5'10", 175, hot muscles, uncut dick, experienced hands; seeking fuckbuddy for no strings, no hassles, ultra-discreet, mutually convenient sex. Gay, straight, bi, married, whatever—my only requirements are that you have a hard body (I like to kiss, suck and bite sensitive nipples attached to firm pecs), a hard dick and a dirty mind. Call ★★9311.

I Like Ass

Teddy bear dad seeks bottom son. Attractive GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs, looking for other attractive GWMs, 18-35, who have a slim build and nice buns. I want to look at, touch, squeeze, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for a long, safe ride. Call ★★9312.

Profesional Espanol, 56, Busca

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Looking For Gay White Man With Hairy Chest

If you are 35-45 years old, clean-cut, honest, gentle, never use drugs and light alcohol. Me: GWM, 43, 180, 5'8". It brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, clean-cut, non-drinker, never use drugs, honest and affectionate, enjoy cooking, watch TV & movies, relaxing on quiet evening with someone, eating out with friends sometimes. If interested please write me: Boxholder, PO Box 641142, SF 94164-1142 or call ★★9313.

Love

Looking for lifetime love. I'm sincere, intellectual, funny, 28 y.o., Portuguese, 5'7", 145 lbs., handsome, quiet, loving, athletic, vegetarian, HIV-. Enjoy cooking, theater, film, beach, music, reading, writing. You're of any age, and preferably Asian, Latin or European. Looks are less important than warm, honest character, compatible temperament more important than similar interests. Call ★★9314.

Tall Trim Top

Ready to meet gorgeous muscular men (handsome, built or cute) with well-developed chests who love being plowed and dominated. Commanding GWM, 40, HIV-, lean and limber with long legs, above average in looks, brains and balls, prefers hunks with rounded shoulders, big biceps and chewable tits, (18-48), HIV-, with exceptional intelligence, heart, sense of humor, emotional awareness, and deep passion for their work, their art or creative expression. NS, ND. Call ★★9315.

Rectal Exam

Bend over! Show me that hole! Mature, hairy, balding GWM gives savvy, safe, sexy, slippery ass exam. You, J/O for the doctor. Your balls gently tugged, your prostate exquisitely massaged. Spanking is available; other safe, mutually desired kink considered. Submissive males preferred but all encouraged to respond. Yours: excitement, relief, orgasm. Write explicit note to PO Box 151, Alameda 94501 or call ★★9316.

Intimacy

29 y.o., non-BB mesomorph, wants a liaison this fall. Me: 5'7", 145 lbs., currently dirty blond, rather cute, strong cleft chin, sexually non-dogmatic, well-traveled student. You: born in the '60s, my height or taller, well-educated (like me), blond hair a plus, piercings a negative. Smoking & drinking cool. Call ★★9317.

We Will Find Each Other!

GWM, 29, 5'10½", 170 lbs., lt brn hair (thinning), nice hairy body, cleanshaven face, cute. Just started working out again. I'm a NS & don't drink much. I have a music degree & am employed by a law firm. Easygoing, a bit shy, enjoy music (play some classical piano), reading, art, good food, outdoors, drives in your car out of the City. I have a unique sense of humor, nothing caustic, just off the wall at times. I'm looking for... You: 27-34 (negotiable), cleanshaven, weight proportionate to height, full head of hair (receding maybe OK), masculine, easygoing, NS, not a heavy drinker, stable, employed, (driver?). We both seek a healthy, ultimately monogamous relationship & are capable of listening to each other, mutual caring & working on a healthy sexual relationship. Let's meet for lunch or dinner & check out the possibilities. Call ★★9318.

Older Wants Younger

I'm a man with tons of energy who enjoys everything from camping to tuxes & opera. I like riding my bike 20 miles or so. Love having a man to hold in bed & am very romantic. Enjoy dancing & really like two-stepping. I'm 5'8" d.b./hazel eyes, 44 yrs. old. I'm looking for a man to date with the same interests, taller & younger. Please no drugs or smoking. Call ★★9319.

Seeking Very Thin Asian

Sincere, handsome, professional GWM finds very thin Asians irresistible. You'll discover I'm caring, nurturing, generous, romantic, sometimes frivolous. I'm 51 (look 30s), Jewish, professional, 5'9", 170, moustache. I don't smoke or drink; I'm HIV-, workout regularly. My interests include cooking, PBS, classical music, travel (I'm studying Thai). If you're a sincere person, why not give a call? Call ★★9320.

Contra Costa County

I live in Contra Costa, and I want the perfect relationship, with the perfect man, but realize that since I am not perfect, I can't expect someone else to be! You should be between 22 and 38 years old, and share some of my interests. Any race welcome, but don't smoke. You should also be attracted to someone like me. I'm 6'3", 185, fair-skinned WM. I enjoy music of the '70s, '80s & '90s, watching baseball, football, basketball. I enjoy the outdoors and watching movies at home. Call ★★9321.

Discreet Sexual Affair

Sought by married, athletic male, mid-30s. I'm a busy professional and I'm looking for a guy who gets hard just thinking about plowing up between my smooth, muscular, round butt. I'm very masculine, but submissive in bed (FrA, GrP), and I'd like to meet a horny guy (age/race not important) for discreet meetings and great sex. Reply BT Box SP81A or call ★★9322.

Shy Romantic

Good-looking GWM, tired of bars, attitude, seeks special guy to get to know, share times with, possibly leading to a relationship. Me: 42, 6'1", brown hair/eyes, full 'stache, hunky body (regular gym-goer), nonsmoker/drugs, light drinker, HIV-. Interests: travel, language, Spanish & Italian; gourmet cook, fine wines, outdoors, antiques, hot safe sex, foreskins (nice but not mandatory); honest, communicator. You: 29-40, blond/brunette, moustache, stable, HIV-, similar interests, nonsmoker/drugs, light drinker. Looking to meet quality men for dating and maybe more. Life's short, take a chance. If the above interests you, reply with a recent photo and letter to Boxholder, PO Box 14186, SF 94114 or call ★★9323.

Ready For Romance

El Cerrito, very handsome, GWM, 42, 6'2", 165#, blond/blue, 8", seeks similar GWM, 30s-40s, tall, handsome, masculine, slender, smooth, hung, horny, versatile, for friendship, sex and hopes of LTR. Me: healthy, asymptomatic HIV+, lost lover 21 months ago; tired of bars, cruise scenes, one-timers, and people who can only take; seeing someone who can appreciate affection, passion and compassion of an old-fashioned, faithful, romantic relationship. I'm clean, intelligent, honest, sincere and reliable; fun, witty and humorous; unpretentious and absolutely void of the latest gay fashion trends; don't drink or smoke; love a good home life, gardening, home cooking, movies, TV, old and modern rock, physics and electronics, beaches and the outdoors. I'm enjoying life on an early retirement so I have lots of time for traveling, fun and for you. If you have things in common, are financially stable, and into sharing and enjoying life without fighting, then tickle my funny bone and I'll let you scratch my spot! Call ★★9324.

Black Top Wanted

By 5'10", 165, 40s GWM for hours and hours of no-strings enjoyment. Looking for a nice guy—honest and caring. If something happens—great, but not into "creating" a relationship. I'm a sports addict but have a wide variety of interests. Isn't it worth a call to see if there is something for us to talk about? Call ★★9325.

BiWM Bottom

21, 6', long blond hair, into cross-dressing, looking for TVs or male couple (must be femme), no facial hair, for fun time. Please smoke but be disease-free. Call ★★9326.

The Heat Is On

Masculine, good-looking GAM, 26 (5'5", 130#), seeks other cute GM's (any race) to 30, with trim or musc. athletic builds into summer sports and fun. I'm a centered, spiritual, athletic, outgoing, intelligent prof'l guy who likes biking, arts, music, film, skiing, sailing, travel. If you're fun, spontaneous, likable and look great without a shirt, let's talk! Call ★★9328.

Peak Experiencing

You: loving, kind, moustached, reasonably attractive, 40+, emotionally/sexually responsive, spontaneous nature. Us: bright, humorous, mature, socially interactive, playful, affectionate, caring, relationship/growth-oriented, open to new experiences. Me: youthful, attractive 53-year-old, GWM, tall, slender, s/p hair, dark moustache, eyes: HIV+, a very special loving guy. For: mountain hiking, cuddle napping, park picnicking, dog walking, garden hoeing, festive dining, movie watching, concert going, homebodying, universe gazing, peak experiencing, hot talking, and passionate lovemaking. Call ★★9329.

Cute, HIV+

31, 6', 165, brn/blue, very handsome GM ISO partner to 30 to share the best of what life has to offer. I'm a sincere & affectionate, playful yet sophisticated, emotionally & financially very secure, clean-cut, smooth guy with a great sense of humor. I enjoy good food/wine, travel, music, movies, quiet times and guys who are beautiful, inside & out. Very cute, dark hair a+, honesty/integrity essential. Please reply with photo to BT Box SP82A or call ★★9330.

Leatherboy Seeks Instruction

GW bottom leather boy, 30s, needs top leather dad over 44 to service, explore with, learn from. Masculine mentor sought with stern but guiding attitude. Obedience training, verbal, kink, more? Willing butt and pig mouth to service your dick, balls, pits, tits, ass. Boy is smooth, trim, attractive, ready to party with dad and devote all attention to pleasing him. Prefer chunky/stocky hairy-chested dad with beer gut, facial hair. Reply PO Box 2005, SF 94126 or call ★★9331.

Your Hot Butt

This is a sex ad for Asian men. Your smooth hot butt arouses this assertive GWM. Prefer in-shape GAM, under 35, for hot, safe fun. Seeking a passionate man who wants a long, sensual, erotic session too hot for being between the sheets. Me: top. You: bottom. Enjoy licking, tit-play, massage & old-fashioned kissing & sensual affection. I am masculine, in-shape, good-looking, clean-cut, 5'10", 160, well-toned, 40 (but look younger). Willing to explore fantasies—including 3-ways & bondage. Let's play. Call ★★9332.

Asian

I'm 28, 5'6", 160 lbs., shy, discreet, not into the gay scene; would like to meet someone for long-term relationship. You are a top only, straight-acting, discreet, straight or bi a plus. Call ★★9333.

Real People

Shy, romantic GWM, 39, 6'2", 200#, red/brown, seeks another "real" person for companionship, love or just an encounter. I value honesty, communication and trust. I have many interests: the outdoors, films, music, long walks, travel, good friends and great sex. I'm always horny and sexually versatile. I'm HIV+ but very healthy. Hopefully, you'll be a fun, together guy around my age or younger. Call ★★9334.

Sausalito Sailor

Seeks adventurous younger man to share a monogamous relationship and sailing trips aboard my 45 ft. sailboat. No experience necessary, just a desire to explore the freedom and natural rhythm of life and love on San Francisco Bay. I'm WM, 41, fit and an artist. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, #428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★9335.

Six Feet Tall And Love To Kiss

GWM, 29, HIV-, brown hair, hazel eyes, nonsmoker, regular gym-goer, 6', handsome, hairy chest, fair-skinned; sometimes contacts, sometimes glasses. Like men any race, but esp. North Indian or Pakistani looks a real plus. You: 27-32, willing to explore sexy friendship, possible relationship. We both have our life's passions, some we might share. We are respectful, adventurous, optimistic, healthy, and love to kiss. Call ★★9336.

Hairy Chest With Chewable Tits

Handsome GWM needs to be dominated, butt-fucked and tits chewed by fit men from 20-40s. No relationship, but 5'10", 170# man with black hair (s/p) and blue eyes. NS, HIV-, loves to kiss (great kisser) and cuddle before and after the great coming. You: fit, (no fat men, no smokers), HIV- and like to get on top for a ride you won't forget. Photo/phone to: CT, 2215-R Market St., #169, SF 94114 or call ★★9337.

You And Me

Optimistic in forming a quality friendship/relationship for special times and integral sharing of life, goals, future. Sincere, East Bay, handsome, bearded GWM, 40s, 5'10", 140, masc., tan, hairy, responsible, no alcohol, ND, has genuine liking, loving, sensuous/safe sexual feelings to give and needs same from special buddy. I enjoy home life, classic cars, the beach and bare feet. Your message important, especially East Bay area. Call ★★9338.

Long-Haired Intellectual

You are: intelligent, artistic, monogamous & relationship-oriented, romantic and ridiculous, physically fit, age 31-39. I am all of the above. GWM, 31, 6', 150, good-looking, long black hair, occasional goatee and moustache. Writer. Interests include travel, literature, bicycling, and dating like individuals. Letter & photo to: PO Box 3194, SF 94119.

Wanted: A Special Top Partner

Would you like a partner who is a stable, secure, basically straight world identified professional while also a very sensual and responsive bottom in bed? I'm an attractive, emotionally available, GWM, 5'11", 160, fit, fair, smooth and a youthful 51 with many interests. We are both HIV-, NS/ND, open-minded, very sexual, and have a lot going for us. Call ★★9339.

Super Youngster Desires An Older Masculine Man Of Distinction

Considered proud, cultured and courteous without ingratiation; exceptionally good-looking (sometimes a problem), quick intellect and very high mental age. I am 27, 6'1", 159#, tan complexion and new arrival in USA, with slim smooth very athletic physique. I seek a somewhat sophisticated, refined, distinguished (dresses appropriately) gentleman, 53-65, who appreciates quality (opposites do not attract in my case). With my description—your being good-looking normally comes naturally and automatically. Call ★★9340.

Russian River Renaissance Redhead

(Alliteration lives!) Me: 5'6", 34, blue eyes, bespectacled, trim (120), HIV+, vegetarian, multi-creative, versatile, horny, seeks You: under 5'8", handsome, muscular, 20-35, non-HIVphobe, NS/ND, also versatile, creative, horny. Any race; just be real, friendly, sexual. I like/respond to compassion, affection, lust. Willing to safely experiment (toys, WS, etc.). River area best, SF OK. Regular, occasional, groups? Box 488, Guerneville 95446 or call ★★9341.

Mystic Pizza

Let's create one together. We are two emotionally and financially secure men with a zest for life. We share interests in spiritual growth, healthy eating and exercise habits, outdoor activities, artistic and cultural events, travel, humor, serendipity. Mutual and romantic love flavors ingredients of our relationship. I'm a young-looking and clean-cut 50. Seeking someone my age or younger. Please: HIV-, NS, ND. Call ★★9342.

East Bay Blond

Smooth, solid, Speedo tan line, 29 waist, HIV-, boyfriend material, 37, 5'9", 140. Seeks: a strong, gentle man, HIV-, fit, romantic, natural looking man, who loves sex, kissing, hard core cuddling. Call ★★9343.

Enjoy Exploring New Ideas?

You and I are: aesthetically attractive-looking, clean-cut professionals, energetic with a zest for living, health conscious, empathetically keen, comfortable with contradictions of the real world. I'm: of Chinese heritage, 5'7", 24, mesomorphically fit, creative with entrepreneurial goals, intelligent with aspirations in international trade. You're: a nonsmoking, cleanshaven Caucasian gentleman between 24-35. Please write to:

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I Like To Watch, Be Watched

I am 40 y.o. European, short, 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice cut dick. You are any age, healthy, in-shape, hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94169-0361 or call ★★9345.

Heart Full Bed Half Empty

Handsome GWM prof., 36, 6', 165#, dark hair, HIV-, clean-cut looks, likes hiking in Marin, outdoor cafes, clubs, urban exploration, becoming friends then lovers, cooking dinner together, garage sales, motorcycle riding and trying new things. I'm seeking a GAM, GLM or GWM under 35 for a long-term monogamous relationship. Sense of humor, light to non-drinker, nonsmoker a plus. Reply BT Box SP83A or call ★★9346.

Asian Guy

If affectionate domination is your desire/ Here's submissive WM with whom to conspire./ I'm handsome, 50, hairy, slim & tall/ And try to be at your beck & call/ For body worship & wanking/ Oral delights, even spanking./ If this appeals to you, whatever your age/ Give me a call to set the stage/ For a mutual banking of the fierce fires of lust/ A poetic summation of our ideals, I trust. Call ★★9347.

Men In Tights

I'm a professional gay man, 39, interested in meeting others like me who enjoy shaving their legs and wearing tights, or nylons, or pantyhose, or garter belts with stockings. Looking to meet socially with those sharing similar interests, and only this aspect of cross-dressing. If this sounds like you, please respond. Reply BT Box SP84A or call ★★9348.

Eating The Bear

Love big hairy or stocky men to munch on. If you desire a very hot erotic time in bed this GLM will gladly nibble between your large thighs or you can ride me for hours till we're both drained. Call ★★9349 or write: PO Box 1206, Capitola 95010.

Autofellatio

If you are 35+, can suck yourself off, and are willing to let discreet healthy GWM in 40s watch, I'd really like to hear from you. Maybe I'll even get turned on and safely join in. Also I can videotape you if you wish. Completely safe and confidential. Serious only write to: Boxholder, 740A - 14th St., #391, SF 94114 or call ★★9350.

Available Asian

GAM, 40s, 5'7", 140, HIV-, good-looking, very youthful in appearance and attitude, fit and in-shape, looking for male, any race, for that special friend and perhaps lover or something in between. Am stable, sensible, happy, even-tempered, caring, friendly, with a good heart. You are an attractive, healthy guy, under 50, with an open mind and a few good laughs to share life with. Write with photo (?) to W., PO Box 471583, SF 94147 or call ★★9351.

Friends, Friends, Friends

Hi. Handsome, in-shape, GWM, 5'7", 29, 130#, HIV-, independent, NS, clean-cut; looking for new friends. I am unpretentious, intuitive, perceptive, honest, creative and adventurous, with an interest in others. Into the outdoors, one-on-one sports, movies, deep conversations, dinner parties. You: same characteristics, not necessarily same activities, any race, between 25-40. Let's talk. Call ★★9352.

Radical Dad

Handsome, gym-toned, hot GWM, 6'3", 190, 45, HIV+, sexy, busy, smart, dominant, faithful, romantic, tough, conservative, wild, patient, enthusiastic, loyal, demanding, professional, nature-loving, dependable, opinionated, experimental, top, wise, foolish, bottom, ready for over-educated romantic professional, 35-40 (show ID!), with blond mane, biceps, humility, idealism, patience, impertinence, gumption, opinions, honor, to share life: i.e., hold, sleep, eat, dream, hike, argue, discover, share, provoke, titillate, write poems to, opine, trust, travel, cry, cook, entertain, support, work, you know, love, call it life. Call ★★9353.

Where's My Penis?

Asian with spinal injury, nerve damage, seeks an understanding friend. Reply BT Box SP85A or call ★★9354.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 5'8", 140#, drk blond hair, green eyes, cleanshaven, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/ photo (returned) to Boxholder 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★9355.

Lean Body, Keen Mind

I'm bright, fun, creative, dark blond, 5'9", slim build, youthful, impish, even cute (look about 34), cleanshaven, nonsmoker, HIV-. Interests in cultural politics, friends, outdoors (Yuba, Tassajara, Sierras...). Easygoing yet passionate, good listener, self-aware, playful, progressive but not fanatic. I seek a boyfriend who takes care of himself as well as caring for others—a self-confident, spontaneous guy with a good sense of humor who sees our relationship as a shared journey, supporting and challenging one another on a path of mutual growth. Please send photo with letter about yourself! Reply BT Box SP98A.

Toilet Love?

Tall, slim (thick-waisted), late-40s, balding, attractive, affectionate dad seeks slim (tight-waisted), clean-cut, handsome toilet son for romance, permanent service and life partnership. Healthy, NS, ND, HIV- only. Call ★★9356.

Gay Christian

GWM, 32, seeks friendship or possible relationship with GWM, under 36, who believes spirituality and sexuality need not oppose each other. I'm shy, masculine, 5'9", 155 lbs. You're clean-cut, masculine, drug- and smoke-free. My interests include: the outdoors, movies, music, dinners with friends and quiet evenings at home. If you're sincere and seeking a quality person, maybe we should meet. PO Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★9357.

Call To Arms

Handsome, loving, gentle man, a 6', keen, lean, 41, healthy & defined, seeks bright, built, honest friend to enfold me in this arms and start the melt-down. I like genuine smiles, cotton T-shirts, jazz, Jobim, Japanese design, mint chip ice cream, sculpture, muscles, sunflowers, and chuckles in the night. Call ★★9358.

Up For Grabs

Masculine, genuine, down-to-earth musician, 38, fun, playful, bright, energetic, intuitive, insightful, politically left of center, sexy, not yet buffed Caucasian body (5'10", 145#, bearded, kinda hairy, br/br, glasses, pierced ears), HIV-, doesn't drink, drug or smoke, affectionate, versatile, uninhibited, sensual, in touch with feelings, values honesty, commitment, personal growth, seeks exceptional like-minded man same age or younger for stimulating long-term monogamous relationship. Call ★★9359.

Wet, Dirty And Raw

Water sports action. I want to watch you piss down your pants, then let me ram your ass while I hold your wet shorts to your face. You: 25-35, well-built, into tit-play, with a hairy ass. Me: 40 y.o., 6'4", 250 lbs., bearded, HIV+. I like rank pits, hairy men and real wet. Let's soak up the atmosphere. Call ★★9360.

Looking For "Simon"

San Francisco's version of Wai Tung (*The Wedding Banquet*) seeking "Simon" for discreet friendship/relationship. This GWM should be my age or younger. I'm a 44-year-old Chinese-American professional, 5'6", 145 lbs. Interests include: architecture, real estate, stock market, classical music, Asian art, ethnic food, walks & cooking. Fascinated by GWM who speaks Chinese and can relate to my ethnicity. Call ★★9361.

Moderate Pride: A Higher Power/ Independent Christian

Passionate "Body And Soul," casual & easygoing homebody, no heavy alcohol/drug dependency, seeking more serious Partner or friends (not another "buddy")—Asian/Latin/all races with similar interests. Me: Twilight Zone, Kafka, Nietzsche, Pascal, Kierkegaard, Christmas, Chaplin, the Far Side, Looney Toons, ethnic food or hamburgers, light video, Kirk Cummings, music (Orbison, Mahalia, Mariah, Sade, jazz, etc.)—You: ?? ... (P.S. Exterior: I'm WM, 32, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, "good-looking"). Reply to J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041. Letters preferred or call ★★9362.

Love First

Intelligent but down-to-earth white male, 32, 5'8", 125, seeks a companion who believes love rather than sex should be the basis of a relationship. I am: relationship-oriented, monogamous and loyal; I'm also warm, gentle, vegetarian, and non-materialistic. I don't smoke or drink. You are 22-36, well-educated and have similar values. You're also slim, of any race (Asians especially welcome), and don't smoke. I enjoy music, literature, libraries, bookstores, nature, the night sky, and dogs. I don't like lawyers, leather jackets, or television, and I'd prefer to meet someone who lives outside SF. PO Box 40352, Berkeley 94704.

Student Seeks Stud

My info: GWM, 25 years old, 6'1", 175 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair (sexily receding!), attractive looks, hairy chest, muscular body (former competitive swimmer). Enjoy good books, movies, music (esp. classical), running and weightlifting, strong coffee and rich desserts. Whom I seek: white, Asian or Latin man, 21-28 yrs., smooth defined torso, athletic build, similar interests. Looking for (a) attractive friend, (b) fun sex partner, and/or (c) romance. Prefer letter and photo over phone call. Reply BT Box SP99A or call ★★9363.

Mountain Biking

29-yr-old student and recent mt. bike convert looking for others for weekday or weekend riding around the Bay Area. Let's ride and check out the guys, whether in Golden Gate Park, Marin or Santa Cruz. Will travel and expect you to also. Looking for beginners or medium duty riders to share this new passion. Call ★★9364.

Oakland Bear Seeks East Bay Bear

Words cannot express feelings but companionship and possible relationship can. Fun-loving, GWM, 47, 6'3", 185, HIV-, beard, searching for someone similar who is down-to-earth, spiritual, has lots of energy. If it's you, then let's make a date and go for the best in the Bay Area. Are you ready for action? Don't stand in the cold, just call and make music! Call ★★9365.

Sweet As Cherry Pie

Wild as Friday night. GWM, HIV-, 6'2", 195 buffed lbs., long brown hair, smooth with tattoo on chest, versatile seeks GBM with similar build for possible LTR. Interests include but not limited to music, dancing, photography, computers, gym workouts, beach. If you enjoy a night out on the town as much as a quiet romantic evening at home, take a chance. You might end up sharing a four-poster bed with the man you've been searching for. Reply with picture to BT Box SP100A or call ★★9366.

Bases Are Loaded—No Home Runs

Adequately handsome GWMan, 37, 5'8", 150#, HIV-, ex-suit, true philanthropist. Likes daily exercise, feeling toned, defined and has an endomorphic body type. I live a healthy, athletic lifestyle. I want to meet my soulmate. You're healthy, active, HIV-, gay only, under 6'. You're between 28-38 (or exceptional others). You're masculine, like being a man, with boyish charm, not macho. You're attractive, clean-cut, not perfect, not kinked. You're toned, fit, and firm, because you work at it, but you're not pumped up, or obsessed. You don't mind getting dirty, and like to get squeaky clean. You read and like to learn. You work smart. You're employed. You play hard, but healthy. You like good people, and their company. You're considerate, kind, romantic. You believe in monogamy, love, family. You want to grow with energy, peace and definitely together. You're an optimist. Hate is not in your vocabulary. Your religion is personal, and not an extreme. You can communicate, negotiate and express what you feel. You're original, strong, quietly confident, but vulnerable. You have a past, but you don't live in it. You're not impressed, or controlled by money. You want security, but collecting a lot of posessions just doesn't do it. You dream when you're awake. You need and like to laugh (trust me—you will). You feel ageless, alive, mature. You're saving yourself to give completely and honestly without losing who you are. You want to be proud of me, and I of you. You want more than fluff, you need something solid and good. I'll wait for you. No blind meetings. Race is not the issue. Will respond to photo with letter. Reply BT Box SP101A or call ★★9367.

As Popular As Drag Queens At Boy Scout Conventions

With guys I really like. As popular as boy scouts at NAMBLA conventions with ones I don't. That's me—obviously cursed by Murphy's Dating Laws. Cute, GWM, 25, loves laughing, kissing, talking, cuddling, viewing, walking, thinking, eating, listening, dancing, being, doesn't seem to make Missed Connections columns or spontaneous romantic connections on the street, wants a few great dates. Is that so wrong? Call ★★9368.

Monogamous Relationship

If that phrase scares you, then skip to the next ad. I am a GWM, 42, slim, HIV-, attracted to Asian men, 30s-42. I treat life seriously, yet rarely lose touch with the humor that smoothes the rough edges. I search for the spiritual, but enjoy the irreverent. Most of all, I cherish romance, long walks, holding hands and introspective conversations. Is your heart open to being touched? Call ★★9369.

(Boy)Friend

Want to meet a man in SF to hang with. Preferably 30-40, non-effeminate, spontaneous and free-spirited, yet serious about himself, his friends & his career. Should be romantic, silly, creative, artistic, a good kisser and HIV-. Me: early-30s, tall, clean-cut, shy, but upfront, kinda cute and ready to share the simple things. Let's be friends (first). Ken Olin types/Euro guys a+!!! Call me. Tell me what you yearn for. Tell me about you. Call ★★9370.

East Bay

GWM, 32, seeks another GWM interested in a monogamous relationship that begins with friendship. I'm 5'9", 155 lbs., HIV-, masculine but somewhat shy. I have brown eyes, brown hair and a moustache. You're under 36, clean-cut, masculine, HIV-, height proportionate to weight and drug- and smoke-free. I enjoy hiking, bike riding, movies, music, dinners out and quiet evenings at home. PO Box 5603, Concord 94524 or call ★★9371.

Just A Date

Not ready to jump into a relationship just yet but looking to meet those eligible men who seem to be spending less time bar hopping and more time exploring more meaningful activities but still enjoy getting crazy on occasion. Me: 30s, GWM, 5'8", 150, HIV-, work-out, muscular, cleanshaven, attractive, professional. You: same stats, GWM, HIV-, sexually versatile and creative, live in SF. Call ★★9372.

Looking For The Friend

29-year-old guy, height 179 cm, weight 78 kg, green eyes, brown hair, dentist, looking for man with nice body and mind. PO Box 477, 3002 Kaunas, Lithuania.

I Have A Bear Magazine Look

38, GWM, I'm hairy, husky, balding, with moustache, 5'10", 190 lbs. I seek guy, 20 to 30, with attractive, boyish looks, for a possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, walks, films, sci fi, drives & safe versatile sex (I'm HIV-, want you to be the same). I'm not into bars. I enjoy simple pleasures. Call ★★9373.

Are You Sleepless In SF?

Successful 35-yr-old Caucasian, masculine, muscular, cleanshaven, hazel-green eyes, HIV-, black hair, 5'10", 178 lbs., NS, ND. Seeking LTR with fair-featured man, early-30s to early-40s, HIV-, mature, self-aware, communicative and affectionate. Extra points for those who are musical (I play the piano), like exercise (I jog, ski, rollerblade, windsurf & play squash), follow politics, play bridge, like to watch quality movies or share intimate moments. I have great friends, but there is something missing, your handsome self, maybe? Reply BT Box SP102A or call ★★9374.

I Want More

Boyishly handsome head turner, 31, bl/bl, 6'1", 175, lean, muscular, mod. hairy, nice dick, big balls. Sexually aggressive, masculine, self-assured. Mostly top but give it up to those with more: more muscles, more aggressiveness, more dick. I prefer darker white men, my size or bigger, smooth, well-hung. Negotiable if you're as hot as me. And I need all the love I can get. Call ★★9375.

Please, Over 50 Only

5'9", 145 lbs., 60s, HIV-, healthy, active, blue eyes, trim beard, not much top hair, NS, ND, moderate drinker, financially secure, enjoys dancing, swimming, lively discussions, restaurants, interested in world affairs, theater, travel, other people; masculine, stable and upbeat personality; looking for same over 50 for both physical and intellectual LTR. Reply BT Box SP103A or call ★★9376.

Erotic Camping

Novice backpacker seeks more experienced for erotic naked camping trip. Me: GWM, 34, 5'11", 165#, NS, ND, exhibitionist. You: experienced camper and playful. Reply BT Box SP104A or call ★★9377.

Apprenticeship

Me: 40+ cornboy in transition bottom to top, 5'8", 145#, gym-goer, brown-gray hair, brown eyes, 7" cut. Seeks experienced top to teach me the finer points of dominating. I serve you; you allow me to assist when training other boys. My masters have always been satisfied. Time of commitment negotiable. Available for interview, examination, inspection. Call ★★9378.

I Need Someone To Love

Could it be you? Asian, athletic, good-looking, sexy guy. Easygoing, broad-minded, professional, 28 y.o., 5'7", 145#, seeks in-shape, honest, attractive GWM/GLM, under 34 y.o., for whatever develops. We'll never know if you don't respond. You might like what you'll see. Let's talk. Call ★★9379.

Available Now

Nice-looking GWM hunk, 42 yrs. old, 6'1", tall, thick moustache, brn hair, healthy and fit HIV-. Somewhat shy, ready to take a chance on what life has to offer. My interests are many and include: the outdoors, gym, local and foreign travel, my yard, motorbike, gourmet cooking, Spanish and Italian language and culture, antique hunting, and all the Bay Area has to offer. Want to meet quality men, 28-39 yrs. old, with similar interests, who are tired of bars and games. Turn-ons: romance, sharing, honesty, communication. Turn-offs: attitude, tobacco/drugs. Let's date and get to know each other. This potential boyfriend awaits your response w/photo and letter. PO Box 14186, SF 94114 or call ★★9380.

Do You Dig Talking Dirty & Listening?

Oakland male seeks guys with deep masculine voices and also sexy foreign accents who love to jack-off and talk while drinking/smoking/partying at my place (share costs 50/50) for 10-11 pm meetings. Get into buddy-to-buddy cock worship. Not into top/bottom role-playing, shaved, videos, mirrors, couples. Must be available for a date, not silly phone chats. Age, looks, size unimportant. Long scenes encouraged. Call ★★9381.

Latex Play Partner Wanted

I'm looking for someone to tie my aggressive GWM, 28, 5'11", 185 pound, bl. gr. in-shape, tight ass, while my cock grows through my skin-tight blk latex. I'm new to the leather world and would like to explore tit-play, ass play, and mutual desires of bondage. I have lots of latex and you the same. Reply BT Box SP105A or call ★★9382.

Good Conversation; Great Sex

Upscale lifestyle, eclectic interests, comfortable home, financial, emotional stability, fun, are goals most easily achieved by two in a committed relationship. Fabulous faces, bodies by God are great, but an active mind, good humor, caring nature are more important. I'm Nordic blond, 5'9", 158, 40s, HIV+, smoker, traveled, intelligent, creative, loyal, caring, affectionate, very oral, into nipples. Life's a banquet. Let's have breakfast in bed. Call ★★9383.

Are You The One?

Wanted: Relationship of mutual attraction (physical and emotional). GWM in 50s, 6', 180 lbs., balding, HIV-, seeks partners in 40s-50s, honest, professional, educated, attractive, financially and emotionally stable (nonsmoker, no drugs), light social drinker, who relates to family, pets, travel, commitment, problem resolution, sense of humor. If this describes you, let's meet and see where it takes us. Please call ★★9384.

Spanking Daddy's Boy

College student, 25, 6', 175, swimmer/work out, easygoing, seeks muscular guy, 30s to 40s, to give him a sound, sensual thrashing. Strong hands essential; coaches, bodybuilders a plus. Have a gentle disposition--but be firm, even harsh, in getting this novice into position (tied?), trousers down, over your knee. Write (returnable photo optional) and describe yourself and what you'd enjoy. Reply BT Box SP106A.

Hawaii White Male

52, 6', 165, brown, brown, classical musician, businessman, vegetarian—looking for life partner, race/age unimportant, but compatibility with following is: ocean kayaking, swimming, weights, hiking, gardening, vocal music, reading, green politics, Zen, public radio, environmental/social causes, publish non-profit newsletter, HIV-; sex less important than sharing. Open to adventure but I've already traveled as a musician, so I stay mostly in Windward Oahu near beach, but would consider time on the mainland. G. Box 806, 150 Hamakua Dr., Kailua, HI 96734.

Finally Getting Up The Nerve

I'm not at all certain about this ad thing, especially all this pressure to portray myself as I do in my resume. However, I am exceedingly tired of cruising and anonymous sex. I'd like to learn how to express myself sexually and emotionally in a less, well, disposable manner. If this sounds like a state of mind you can deal with, drop me a line. I'm a 21-yr-old GWM, 5'11", 185, long red hair, blue eyes, with a great deadpan sense of humor. I'm passionate about movies and great food—basically a homebody when it comes to traditional bar-hopping/clubbing scene, but love getting out and hiking, biking and swimming. I am not, nor do I have any pressing plans to become 'gym-toned' (collective gasp). So stick with your mass-media manly images if you must, but know that this is one gay man willing to admit that he finds bulging biceps kinda boring. I prefer guys 20-35, stocky to slightly heavyset, white or Latino. Please—no smokers and nobody skinny or moustached need reply. I'd just like to find someone who's mellow and funny and cute. You know who you are, so introduce yourself! Reply BT Box SP107A or call ★★9385.

Gilligan Seeking Skipper

Oakland phallic worship & jerk-off obsession. Ritualistic dirty talk, J/O, mutual only with masculine aggressive GWM while partying/drinking/smoking (share costs) seeking other buddies. Not into shaved, videos, couples. Age, looks, size unimportant. What is important: (1) buddy-to-buddy scene (no top/bottom); (2) devotion to Priapus; (3) late night (10 pm); (4) my place only. Call ★★9386.

Teddy Bear Wanted

Wanted: affectionate, bearded top teddy bear. Prefer men 30+, 5'11"+, stocky and dark-haired (with gray a plus) who are outgoing, like to have a good time and love to fuck. Wanted for friendship, dating, ?? I am a mature, employed, educated and intelligent 26 y.o. HIV+ bearded GBM, 6'2", 220#, mostly bottom but willing to top right guy. No hangups about alcohol or recreational drugs. Call ★★9387.

Sport Massage

Complimentary massage for young athletes and bodybuilders who need to be appreciated for their hard work. Provided by young Asian bodybuilder, tanned, smooth body & strong hands. I will combine hot oil with Swedish/Shiatsu technique to bring you to ecstasy. Call ★★9388.

Wanted: Bald Boys

If you are bald, have short hair or shave your head, this GWM, 38, 6'3", 200#, would like to meet you. I'm HIV+, healthy, horny and sexually versatile. I have many interests—you should too. Be my age or younger, fun, creative and we'll see what develops. Call ★★9389.

Cosmic-Emotional-Love-Action-Thing

Energetic, 32 y.o., quasi-professional seeks special grown-up playtime pal with compatible silly streak to share after-school snacks. Me: kooky, serious, witty, meditative, animated, pleasant, bitchy, caring, loving and giving, turned up

high and wrapped in a compact package. You: comfortable with yourself and above. Call ★★9390.

I'll Take Romance

LTR ended—now miss the high of just being with someone I love, savoring each other's enjoyment of what we do together, holding each other so close we become one. I'm early-50s, gray beard, brown hair nearly everywhere else, attractive bear-type. 5'10", 195#, NS, ND, HIV-, in decent shape (swimming). Enjoy magic of the arts, variety of travel, nature's spectacles. Call, tell me about you. Call ★★9391.

Sensitive, Gifted & Black

Have racial blocks, read no further. This ad doesn't apply to you. Unusual GBM, caramel complexion, expressive bedroom eyes, good body, quite handsome, bearded, 41 y.o. (looks 30ish), 140 lbs., 5'5", financially stable, professional, loves nature, music, spirituality, romantic, passionate, masculine, adventurous, hiker—seeks man w/similar qualities/interests, aged 35-45, for dating/friendship. Prefer a man to be 5'10" or less. Call me if you feel there's a match. Reply BT Box SP108A or call ★★9392.

Pumpers—Santa Rosa/River Area

Seeking pump buddies, 1st timers/curious. Let's get together for pump sessions, share tips, videos, size and good times. PO Box 1246, Forestville 95436.

I'm A Boy In A Man's Body

You're lean or lanky. Smooth from nose to navel a plus. A BF would be great but playmates are welcome. Us: easygoing and spontaneous. Not clubs & crystal. Exploring, walks, dinners, nature, humor, movies, the familiar and the unfamiliar. Free-thinkers, non-possessive, practical, no absolutes just absolutely everything. Me: 6'1½", 180, GWM, HIV-, br/bl-grn, trim, smooth, swimmer's build, big arms, major equipment. Passionate, lots of touch. Very oral, occasional top, rare bottom. I'm 42—yes, I know, could be a scary number, but I keep my portrait in the attic. A stable career, lots of experience and a big heart. Eager to share, massage, stories, laughter, hugs, tongues, ideas, agendas. All in all a good package with lots of extras. Let's swap photos and letters first. Sexual attraction a must, honesty is everything. Reply BT Box SP109A.

Heart

Tall, sweet, loving, fun and funny, sensual, sincere, intelligent man looking for similar for a full emotional experience. Let's share many moments and help each other reach new heights of passion, love & laughter. You'll be glad you touched my heart. I enjoy: nature (hiking, beach), travel adventures (Greece, Turkey, Egypt, dinosaur digs, Disneyland), Chanticleer, spiritual growth & recovery work. I'm a very good-looking, 32, 6'3", 185 lbs., brown/blue, HIV+, with a cleanshaven, friendly face. You're emotionally available, giving, romantic, tall, physically affectionate & financially secure. Call ★★9393.

Sexual Friendships

Are difficult to start and harder to maintain. What I seek is honest connections with a man or men that honor our character and being as well as mutually pleasurable sex. I'm a bisexual Black male, 42 yrs. young, 6'2", 200#, black hair, brown eyes. I'm a versatile top. I seek similar men over 35 yrs. old, near my ht. and wt. Call ★★9394.

In Need Of A Hunk

Extremely cute/handsome, 24-year-old GAM in need of a 20-40-year-old WM for fun, friendship, wild sex and possible relationship. I'm very masculine, energetic and adventurous. I have a very athletic and smooth body and I enjoy working out and playing tennis and volleyball. If you're good-looking and muscular write to: PO Box 71, Fremont 94537-0071 or call ★★9395.

Husband

Dearest Mediterranean husband, I am waiting for you. I am S., your man-wife, quiet, loving, kind, tall, 40s, good-looking and a virgin. I will love/worship you and make you my king all the days of your life. Your great need is to be a husband and have domestic, monogamous relationship of great love, respect, loyalty, honesty and faithfulness with man-wife, who is immensely nurturing. You're hung huge; strong, kind, mature and handsome in your own way and HIV-. Write: 1800 Market St., #232, SF 94102 or call ★★9396.

Is There An Imaginative Top...

Who isn't preprogrammed, mechanical? Wants connection, partnership? Isn't compensating for inadequacy? If into S/M, do you smile, jest, show pleasure in sexual dominance, not snarl cliches? Are you creative, reflective, able to love? This attractive blond bottom (40, 5'9", 155#, HIV-) loves unorthodox types (Irons, Oldman, Lovett), avoids "trainers," substance abusers, health purists, hobbyists. I give great head but bad phone—please leave message anyway. Reply BT Box SP110A or call ★★9397.

A Rare Find

Italian-American, straight-looking man, 6'2" tall, dark hair & eyes, over 40, husky but working on getting leaner, hairy with moustache, healthy HIV+; outgoing personality with many good friendships; enjoy traveling, movies, carpentry, gardening, entertaining & more. Life is great but would be nicer to share with special person. Light drinker & smoker. Am seeking quality type of person, a bit on the quiet side, slim & sincere. Call ★★9398.

Caucasian Wants Asian

GWM, 51, 6'1", 190, beard, blue eyes, brown hair (balding), masculine, good looks, okay shape, HIV-, professional, traveled (Asia), graduate degrees, entertaining, creative, fun in bed, into social justice, wants GAM, 25-35, thin, smooth, maybe athletic, HIV-, cute or unique looks, articulate, sensitive, worldly, humorous, adventuresome, for LTR in SF or East Bay. Chinese and Southeast Asians a plus. Call ★★9399.

Friendship, Fun And...?

GWM, 31, 5'8", 150, professional, intelligent, healthy, straight-acting, emotionally stable and financially secure. Interests include working out (5-6 days a week), travel, healthy eating, biking, hiking, movies, beach and enjoying weekends in and around SF. Seeking a nice guy who happens to be a GWM or GAM of similar age or somewhat younger, has similar interests and is interested in building a real friendship or possibly more. If you're a creative professional (like an architect) and/or have a good sense of humor, it would be a real plus. Reply BT Box SP111A or call ★★9400.

Worth The Effort

Good-looking Scandinavian grad student, 31, 5'11", 180, short brown hair, moustache, solidly muscular, great chest, HIV-, intelligent, funny, stable, honest, independent, communicative, non-materialistic, masculine but uncloseted, seeks an intelligent, good-looking, mature and decent man (30-45) with a hard muscular build who is open to a LTR. We share varied cultural interests and love domesticity, conversation, badinage, roughhousing, and affectionate to kinky sex. I will respond in kind to your detailed letter and photo (returned). Reply BT Box SP112A.

Asian Slaveboy Wanted

Demanding, aggressive, kinky WM, 36, master likes to rope, rape, spank submissive Asian pussyboys (18-35). Total ownership, strict unrelenting rules (inside & out), heavy domination, shaving, spanking, BD, CBT, TT, raunchy socks, WS, VA, public humiliation, complete obedience. Write: Box 461, 1563 Solano Ave., Berkeley 94707 or call ★★9401.

Male Order

Handsome, Spanish male, 5'5", 140 lbs., 35, dark hair, eyes, smooth chest, hairy legs, hung, thick, uncut, into weights, hoops, healthy foods, architecture. Not into "scene" at all. Seeking masculine male for conversation, sports, and fruits of good chemistry. Interested in well-hung men in good shape with excellent health, who value integrity, monogamy, friendship. Creative professional, high education a plus. Photo/letter to PO Box 191334, SF 94119-1334 or call ★★9402.

Big Boy Bear

GWM, 35 y.o., 290#, 5'11", blond, considered sexy and soft by others. Looking for men between 35-50 who love to F, kiss and cuddle. I love to party, enjoy the ocean and outdoors. I'm very passionate and seeking others who take care of themselves. Light S/M. Only sincere men need reply & open with being gay. Reply BT Box SP113A or call ★★9403.

Husky-Hairy-Hot

We spent the last couple of hours making intense, sweaty, raunchy love. Now I am holding you very tightly in my arms—you look up at me and sigh. Me: 46, 5'8", 183 lbs., hairy bod, short br & s&p beard, balding, glasses, HIV-. You: a guy who is totally comfortable with being a hungry bottom sexually; out of bed we are equals. Age & race unimportant. Passion & affection are. Call ★★9404.

Afro Seeks Euro

29, 6'3", GBM, HIV-, quite attractive, smooth, 195 lbs., extraordinarily well-hung, great butt (such an advertisement-conscious society we have). Originally from the East Coast and seek to date men of quality with appealing external/internal features. Desire a compatible man aged 29 to 39 who is within his ideal body weight. I hope to end up sharing a beautiful, stimulating relationship full of tenderness, giggles, great pasta and sincerity. Lover of jazz, some opera and pop (sing divas, sing!). Involved in community theater and love to laugh (spending time with my extended Jewish family is a complete blast). I'm more often drawn to mature, tall, handsome and intelligent men. I'm a very sweet man. And I'm not restricted to just tall men and those only of European descent. Just as long as you've got what it takes, baby. Call ★★9405.

Senor Tongue

I am the famous Mr. Tongue from New York City. My expertise and talent is for your exceptional, beautiful ass that needs and desires me to soothe and massage you deeply for many hours, from many positions. I am also a deep throat artist for only big dicks. You are HIV-. Call ★★9406.

Looking For One Good Man

Looking for an Asian man, under 40, shorter and slimmer the better, with whom I can share good times, physically and spiritually, and everything in between. I'm mature, HIV+, 6', 160 lbs., playful, aware, who likes everything from affectionate cuddling to far out (but safe) sex, depending on your wishes. Let's meet and check it out. I'm really ready to care about and for someone. Call ★★9407.

Your Mother Would Approve

Art, gardens and books inspire me, but I'm intellectually interested in nearly everything. I thrive in romantic monogamy. I'm passionate about gardening and cooking. I like my life. 39 y.o., tall, happy, healthy, handsome WM professional needs loyal, fun, mentally charged partner. For a good match you should love both city and country, be passionate about your interests, engaged by art and content with yourself. Call ★★9408.

Relationship Or Friends

GWM, European, 30, 5'9", 155. I'm looking for GAM or GWM between 25-35 y.o., no beard, no moustache. I'm interested in movies, classical music, opera, ballet, museums, making and eating good food, going out of town on the weekend and sometimes dancing. I'm not necessarily seeking a relationship, but would also like to meet some new friends. Call ★★9409.

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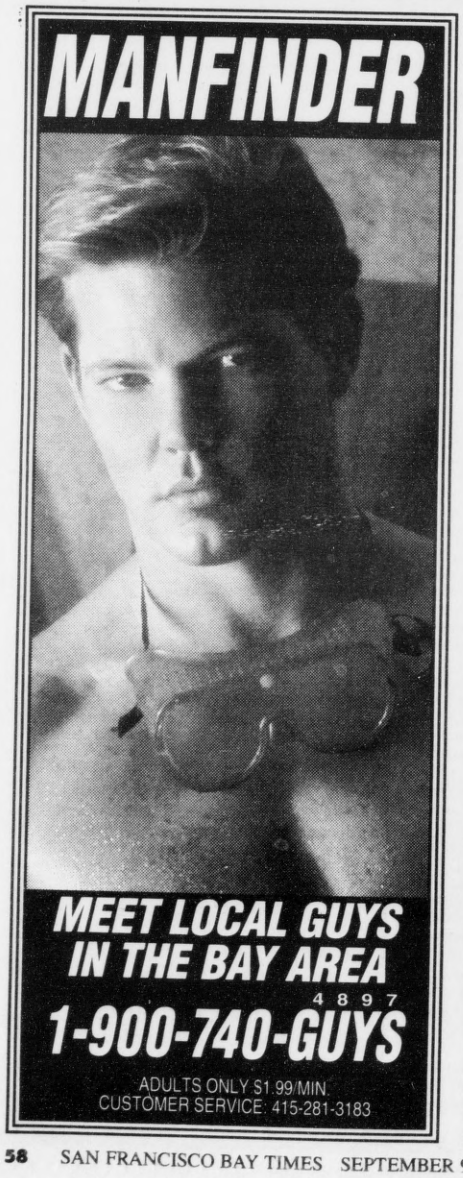
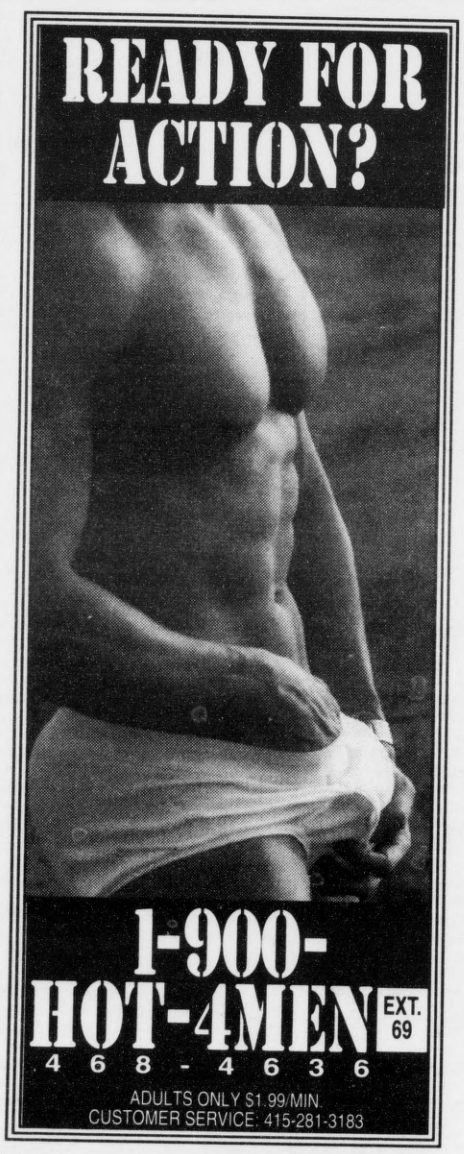
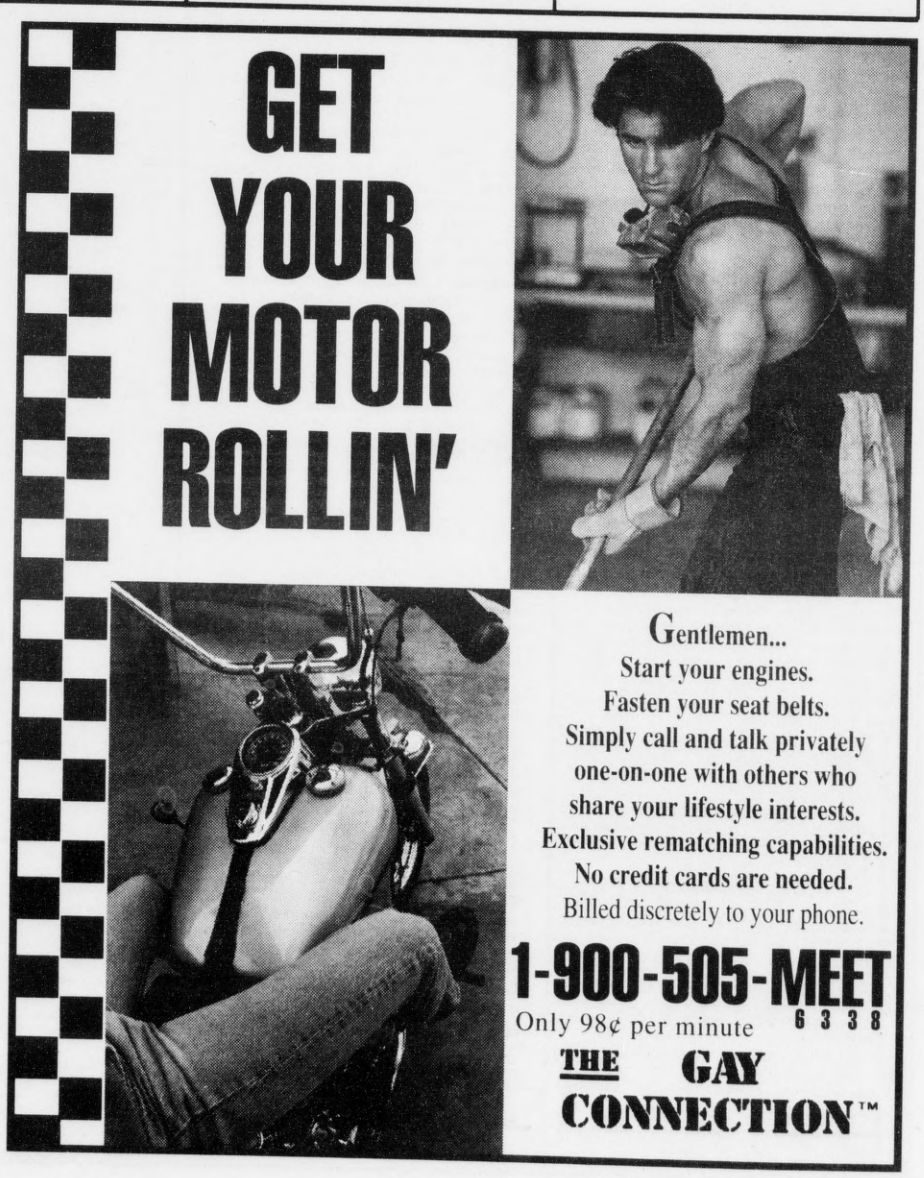
Seeking Latino with medium to stocky build, not gym-obsessed, in-shape, attracted to white guys who hang somewhat outside of the scene. 37, 5'10", 150, brown hair/eyes, athletic, decent looks, career-oriented, unconventional business-







man, art background, flexible, grounded and adventurous. Box 81, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★9410.

Muscular, Sincere, Trusting

Hi. I'm a 36-yr-old muscular Caucasian guy, 5'11", 175 lbs., kinda shy, not into bars. Dislike games, phony people. I'm seeking a special guy to date on a regular basis. He would be Asian, 22-37, extra smooth, hairless body, athletic, trusting, monogamous, with a mature mind. If you are this person, let's give it a try. Pls., stable, serious, in-shape only. Call ★★9411.

Thirsty For...

Smooth skin, young, cute, sensual Asian boy desiring absolute attention from modern man. Ruggedly handsome, healthy, toned, firm, 6', 170 lb., Euro-American, w/blue-green eyes, brown wavy hair and big sexual fantasies. I look good w/my clothes on but "way more better" stark naked. Play with my fantasies or entertain yours. Photo exchange requested, guaranteed return. 537 Jones, #2226, SF 94102 or call ★★9412.

Quiet!

Ahem. Aside from being quiet, I'm a very handsome, self-employed, professional guy who's well, looking for a boyfriend. I like both hanging about on a beach or taking a hike, and doing stuff in the City and at home (reading, as well as sex). I'm trying this to meet another smart, good-looking, honest guy with both a mind and a body, who's interested (potentially) in a relationship. Quant stats: 6'2", 165, 34, br/br, Midwestern bkgrnd, but not recently... That about sums it up. Thanks. Call ★★9413.

For Me It's About Friendship

Companionship and mutual support. I'm easy-going, 44, attractive, bright, funny, brown hair (balding), moustache, 5'9", 145 lbs., unpretentious, stable, HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker. I'm looking for a low-key man with similar qualities who is sweet, psychologically mature & aware, appreciates quiet pursuits, has moderate to liberal politics, and maybe even a dog or cat. Write and tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box SP114A.

Black Or Hispanic?

I'm a handsome, friendly professional, 6', 190, 40, blue eyes, brown hair. I'd like to meet an African-American or Hispanic professional, 30-37, who, like me, is handsome, educated, warmhearted and communicative; versatile, HIV-, beefy/muscular, masculine, spiritual. Let's go hiking, to the theater, hang out, see what happens. Call ★★9414.

Prove To Me

That a person need not: Schwarzenegger muscles, a 12" dick, a flashy Mercedes, nor own BofA to land a decent lover. This 6'2", 36 y.o., 175 lb., moustached, brn/brn, hot leather top is looking to meet a significant other in time for Folsom Street Fair & also beyond. But be forewarned—this ad is not for alcoholics (social exempted), druggies, sluts, leeches, oldies, uglies, chubbies, flakies, nor one-time thrillseeker cock-teasers. If you're not willing to consider going the long-haul—go bother someone else. Reply BT Box SP115A or call ★★9415.

Are You Looking For A Big Brother Or Dad?

Do you need to find someone who can be your friend, buddy, dad or big brother? This attractive WM, 50, 6', 185 lbs., guy is a masculine aggressive top, yet sensitive, stable and affectionate. You should be 18 to 30s, a nonsmoker, no drugs, good-looking, adventurous, and open to honest communication. Need someone to help give direction in your life or just share some good times. Write PO Box 2771, Livermore 94551 or call ★★9416.

Free... To Cute Boy

This attractive GWM with a big sexy tan muscular body and an equally big tender heart seeks a GWM, 20-33, of slender to swimmer's build, cleanshaven and smooth chest to develop an intensely intimate, loving and caring relationship. I am 6'1", 44 (look 34), br/bl, cleanshaven, and a very healthy HIV+. I love motorcycling, skiing, hiking, quiet romantic evenings, movies, cuddling and close physical contact. I find myself very attracted to younger guys with soft, shy, boy-like looks. Match this with my brawny physique and gentle touch: the possibilities are limitless. Reply BT Box SP116A or call ★★9417.

1993—Year Of The Cock

I'm a Gemini who's handsome (Mediterranean looks), 24, honest, passionate, creative, expressive, idealistic, growth-oriented, with a cosmopolitan conscience. Passions: people, food, music, dancing, yoga, massage, etc. Seeking: friendships & 21-32 y.o. Sagittarian or other E. Indian, African, Mexican, etc., for one-to-one. We're clean, fit, nonsmoking, able, stable & committed to share the good life/challenges and all. PO Box 427031, SF 94102 or call ★★9418.

Everyone Says You're Out There?

GWM, 34, HIV+, 5'7", br/hz, hairy body, wants to meet men that aren't usually found in the bars. I enjoy reading, coffee shops, used bookstores, all music. I require long walks, relaxing by the ocean, rainy days, lazy Sundays. I'm attracted to GWM who are tall and thin with a good sense of humor. Call or write, your photo gets mine. Reply BT Box SP117A or call ★★9419.

An Older, Masculine, Large, Professional WM In A Business Suit Turns Me On

I would like to meet a: 50ish, blond/silver-haired or bald, blue-eyed, cleanshaven (no beard!), tall, stocky, health-conscious (nonsmoker, non-abuser), university educated, cultured, well-informed, politically pragmatic, traveled, nature loving, insightful, kind gentleman. I'm 43, Caucasian, 6'2", 185 lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, good-looking, professional. My interests include serious culture—opera, theater, etc., outdoor activities—hiking, skiing, etc., and so forth. I'm looking for a friend and possible hot safe sex (I'm mostly top). Call ★★9420.

True Love

Seeking young boyish-looking Asian male, between 18-26, for dating and possible long-term relationship. Prefer 5'6" to 5'8" height, 115-140 lbs., with slender, trim, semi-muscular build, into moderate weight training. Emotionally honest, nice disposition, able to communicate needs and desires a plus. Sense of humor, affectionate, very attractive and cute welcomed. Bottom or versatile desirable (excuse my French). Myself: 33, 5'10", 153 lbs., handsome, young-looking, blond hair, blue eyes, romantic and caring, with playful sense of humor, trim and semi-muscular. Let's spend the holidays together and more. Call ★★9421.

Older, Burly, Caucasian Motorcycle Cops Turn Me On

If you are a 50ish, hefty/brawny, healthy, smart, motorcycle cop (or if you look and act like one), I would like meeting you for some warm and caring intimacy and hot safe sex. I prefer blond or silver-haired, blue-eyed, cleanshaven, nonsmoker, non-heavy drinker. I'm 43, 190, 6'2", strong, good-looking, and have many interests from football to opera to mountain biking. Call ★★9422.

Merry Me

GWM, 41 y.o., brn, blue, 160 gym-toned, handsome, HIV+ asymptomatic, looking for slim man to share good life. Sensitive, sincere, not married to the 9 to 5 rat race. Call ★★9423.

Attention: K-Mart Shoppers:

Where are all the natural, down-to-earth GWM in the Bay Area? I'm looking to find a beefy sexy masculine man, nice looks, gentle 40+ (age not negotiable), good body (weight & height in proportion), versatile with oral preference, well-equipped man tool, hairy (a plus), adventurous, sense of humor, caring, incurable romantic, open-minded, sensual, honest and unafraid of public expression of feeling to mate. This mature man, nature-oriented, is 6', green eyes, gray-blond military cut, good tanned body, HIV-, has employment security, sexually an oral connoisseur w/pierced pecs & armband tattoos. Looking toward LTR possibilities. Letter required w/photo (no photo-no reply). Have lots to offer. "Sleeping alone sucks." Reply BT Box SP118A.

Guys-Sex-Videotapes

Most "relationships" start with a sexual encounter. Let's try this approach: You: GWM, 35+, oral fixated (getting your man-cock serviced), good looks, well-maintained appearance, endowed, masculine, enjoys "man-to-man contact/touching/kissing." Me: attractive GWM, 6', 175#, tanned, good body, mature, masculine, blond, very sexual, somewhat exhibitionist. Blow Buddies regular, enjoy poppers, wines & an occasional brew. HIV- (status irrevelant), hot apt., extensive male art and porno library in Van Ness corridor of the City. Adventurous guy, good size cock, great mouth. Turn-offs: femmes, small cocks, unclean men, colognes, or out-of-shape dudes. Goal: sex buddies, playmates, mutual satisfaction, great head, male bonding. If you're my outlined type of man, give a call. What have you got to lose but your load? Call ★★9424.

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CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

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IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

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How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

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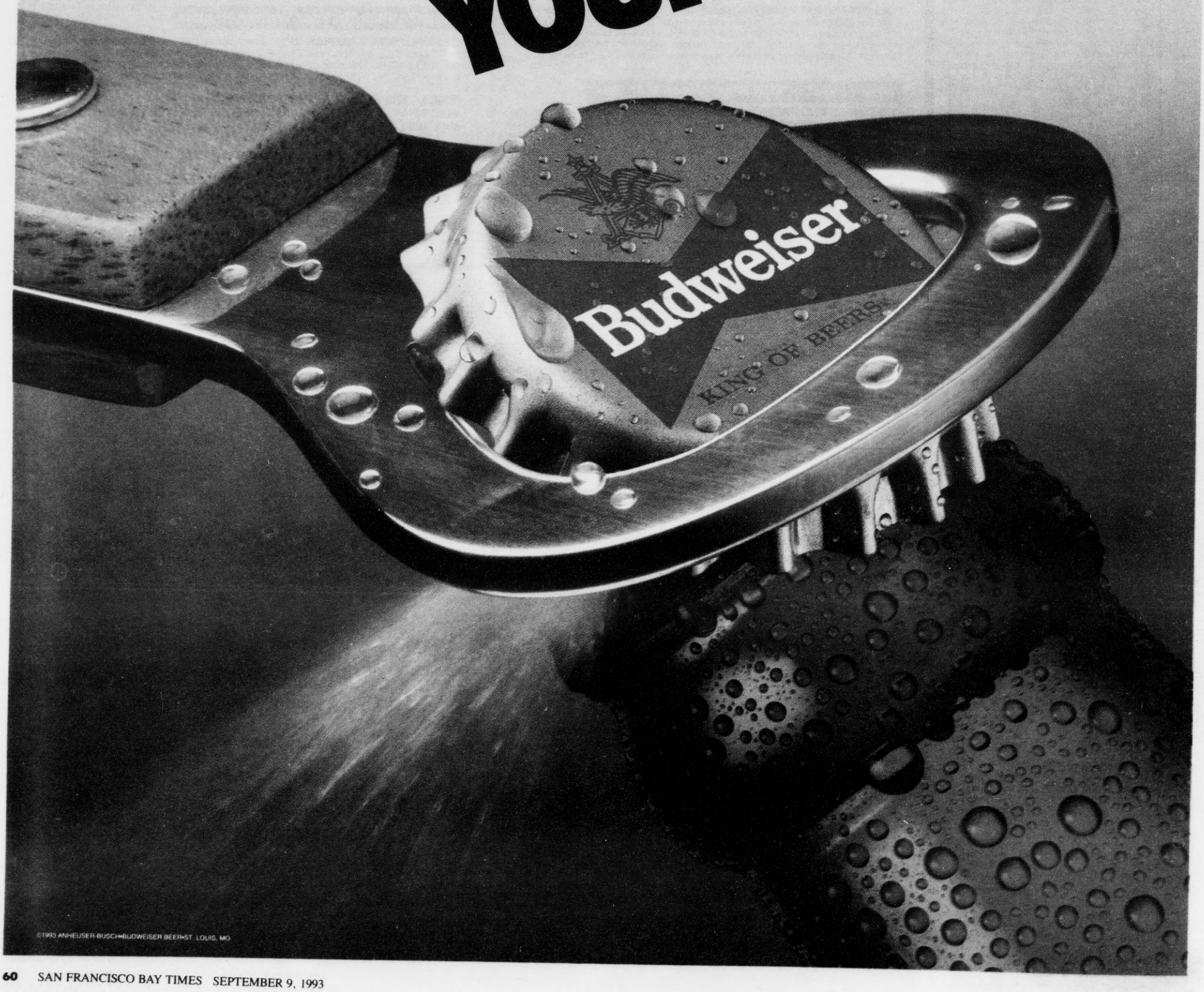

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